



Homegrown Minneapolis Draft Food Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

5:00-5:30 pm pre-meeting presentation from Zainab Youngmark about Youth Farm, 5:30-7:30 pm meeting

Moon Palace Books, Community Meeting Room, 3032 Minnehaha Ave, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance: Amy Maas, Beth Dooley, Deb Brister, Heidi Ritchie, Jason Walker, Kate Seybold, Kristen Klingler, Mai Yang, Mary Vorndran, Rachele Pass, Sophie Wallerstedt, Suado Abdi, Zainab Youngmark

Members Absent: Alyssa Banks, Caroline Devany, Christina White, Dana Boyer, DeVon Nolen, Ellen Kennedy, Jaime Harris, Latasha Powell, Martin *Rogue Farmer* Brown, Council Member Phillippe Cunningham, Winston Bell

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei (Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Coordinator), Claire Baglien (Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Program Aide), Alexandra Connett, Donald Warneke, Kelly Muellman, Julie Dalton, Greg Simbeck, Hannah Ramer, Kellie Kish, Sara Jane Van Allen, Kristine Molde, Filsan Ibrahim, Karl Hakanson, Hannah Lagoon

1) Welcome and Opening Circle

Beth Dooley called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Food Council members and community representatives shared their names, affiliations, and what they are looking forward to most about spring.

2) Food Council Business

Sophie Wallerstedt moved to approve the March Food Council meeting minutes and April agenda. Suado Abdi seconded and both were approved unanimously.

3) Presentation and Discussion: Minneapolis Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap

Greg Simbeck, speaking on behalf of David Rubedor/NCR, presented the group with a brief overview of the Minneapolis Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap. The plan was developed with extensive input from the community, and there is currently an open comment period. After the comment period closes, a draft of the plan will go to the City Council. Working groups will then be formed to craft various areas of the plan into an updated draft, to be released in the fall. Final passage of the plan by City Council will most likely take place in early 2019. There was some discussion about the amount of funding available for programs in general.

Beth motioned that the Food Council submits a public comment to “recommend that the City continues explicitly recognizing community gardens and farmers markets as eligible uses and priorities for neighborhood funding.” There was some discussion about broadening the use of the terms ‘community gardens’ and ‘farmers markets’ to include ‘urban agriculture.’ Including language about ‘green space’ was also brought up, which Tamara Downs Schwei said would be encompassed by ‘urban agriculture.’ Additionally, Heidi Ritchie brought up the need to clarify the Food Council’s use of the term ‘priorities.’ Greg pointed to the Neighborhoods 2020 Plan, which outlines priorities and funding criteria. Beth clarified that because the motion would be put forth on behalf of the Food Council’s priorities, it’s implied that our priorities are more specifically geared toward urban



agriculture and not purposefully exclusive of other priorities and funding criteria. Suado Abdi seconded Beth's motion after the discussion, with the addition of the phrase 'urban agriculture.' The motioned to submit a public comment to the Neighborhoods 2020 Plan on behalf of the Food Council passed unanimously as follows: to "recommend that the City continues explicitly recognizing urban agriculture and farmers markets as eligible uses and priorities for neighborhood funding."

4) Updates: Food Council Policy Forum on May 23

Tamara gave an overview of what was discussed at the event planning meeting earlier in the week. She encouraged Food Council members to volunteer during the event. An event invitation and more details are in process. The event agenda includes a welcome and introduction from Mayor Frey, words from Council Member Cunningham, a performance from the Appetite for Change youth, a timeline of Homegrown Highlights from the past ten years, a brief presentation from Public Health Law center staff and panel discussions featuring policymakers and community members working on food policy. Tamara asked everyone to help get the word out by sharing the event, flyers, and personal invitations.

5) Discussion and Working Session: Food Council 2018-19 Priorities

Tamara led Food Council Members and Community Representatives in discussion to ascertain if the goals, leaders, and members of the food system issues that have been discussed over the past couple of months as documented were representative and accurate, and if each makes sense to move forward and provide a specific goal(s)/outcome. Food Council members and community representatives then split into groups to further discuss their proposed work.

6) Updates and Announcements (Kate Seybold, Tamara Downs Schwei, all)

- Minneapolis draft [2040 Comprehensive Plan](#) released for public comment; City planning staff will attend Food Council June meeting for discussion, input.
- Food Council May meeting will include group norms discussion and we will continue offering opportunities for racial equity conversations and learning opportunities.
- Solid Waste & Recycling is collecting feedback through a 10 minute resident survey out on their website right now, which Food Council members and community representatives are encouraged to fill out. The survey closes on April 20th, and there is a chance for 40 people who fill out the survey to win a prize.
- There will be two public engagement meetings for the Zero Waste Implementation Plan in the upcoming months.
- Extension is looking for 20 backyard gardeners to participate in a study to examine how much food can be grown in backyard gardens.
- There were upcoming Green Zones meetings which all are welcome to attend.

7) Closing Circle (Tamara Downs Schwei, all)

Everyone shared one word about how they were feeling after the meeting.

8) Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Food Council Meeting: May 9, 2018; **Note special meeting format** 5:00-6:00 pm cook dinner together; 6:00-7:30 pm meeting; Kindred Kitchen and Breaking Bread Cafe, 1200 West Broadway Ave, Minneapolis