



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 – 5:00-7:30 pm
5:00-5:30 pm pre-meeting discussion: Birchwood Café initiatives
5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting, followed by social hour
Birchwood Café, 3311 East 25th Street Minneapolis

Members Present: Amy Maas, Andrea Eger, Beth Dooley, Dana Boyer, DeVon Nolen, Emily Minge, Jason Walker, Council Member Jeremy Schroeder, Kate Seybold, Kim Havey, Kristen Klingler, Mary Vorndran, Rachelle Pass, Sophie Wallerstedt, Teresa Opheim, Tsega Tamene (Quorum - 13)

Members Absent: Alyssa Banks, Deb Brister, Ellen Kennedy, Heidi Ritchie, Mai Yang, Jaime Harris, Suado Abdi, Tasha Powell, Zainab Youngmark

Others in Attendance: Emily Reno, Kane Williams, Hannah Arvold, Marita Bujold, Diane Beck, Brooke White, Karen Javurek, Corey Kline, Kiese Hansen, Ben Rengstorf, Jodi Gruhn, Karl Hakanson, Tracy Singleton

Staff: Tamara Downs Schwei, Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Coordinator; Claire Baglien, Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Program Aide; Kim Havey, City of Minneapolis Sustainability Director

1) Welcome and Opening Circle (DeVon Nolen, Food Council Co-Chair; all)

DeVon Nolen called the meeting to order.

2) Adoption of the Agenda and Acceptance of Minutes of November 14th, 2018 (DeVon Nolen, Food Council Co-Chair)

Beth Dooley moved to approve the November Food Council meeting minutes and December agenda. Kate Seybold seconded and both were approved unanimously.

3) Welcome and Introductions: New Food Council Members (Tamara Downs Schwei, Homegrown Minneapolis Coordinator, new members)

Four newly appointed Food Council members, (Andrea Eger, Emily Minge, Teresa Opheim, and Tsega Tamene), introduced themselves, along with the new Minneapolis City Council representative on the Food Council, Council Member Jeremy Schroeder. Each said a few words about their background and why they are excited to serve on the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council.

4) Presentation and Discussion: Headwaters Food and Water Bill (Marita Bujold)

Marita Bujold presented the group with her proposed Headwaters Food and Water Bill, which she's written and hopes will gain traction with the community and policymakers. The bill is designed to anchor every community in a regenerative food economy designed for sustainable living. A large focus of the bill also emphasizes nurturing the next generations of farmers and protecting our water resources. Marita is interested in finding funding and partners who have expertise and interest in moving this bill forward. People can learn more at www.justfoodandwater.org or email info@justfoodandwater.org to get involved.



5) Presentation: 2018 Homegrown Highlights (Tamara Downs Schwei)

Tamara shared highlights from the 2018 Homegrown Highlights.

6) Discussion: Food Council Community Event Proposed for Spring 2019

A group of interested Food Council members met in early December to discuss planning for the Food Council's 2019 annual community event. The group provided a brief review of the successes from last year's Food Policy Forum and shared their thoughts on format and goals for this year's event. There was some discussion about how to create a celebratory vibe, include more stories and anecdotes about the impact the Food Council has had, and integrate the City's food action planning process with this year's event.

7) Updates and Announcements

Working groups and task forces (All)

- There were no updates from any working groups or task forces.

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- Food Council members and community members shared announcements and inquiries.

8) Adjournment

Beth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Vorndran seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Reported by Claire Baglien, Homegrown Minneapolis Staff.

Next Food Council Meeting: January 9th, 2019

5:00-5:30 pm pre-meeting discussion with University of MN Extension staff

5:30-7:30 pm meeting at University of MN Urban Research & Outreach Center (UROC), Room 107
2001 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis

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