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Kick-Off Meeting – Farmers Markets Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Currie Conference Center, 1st floor conference room

11:30am – 12:00pm

- Participants included: Co-Chair Lara Tiede, Co-Chair Amy Arcand, Debbie Nelson, Heather Schoonover, Allie Mentzer, Brian Jorgenson, Martin Adams, David Nicholson, Brian Fredericksen, Pat Nelson, Larry Cermak, Scott Barriball, Sandy Hill, Lillian Hang, Marjorie Hegstrom.
- Participants of the farmers market subcommittee introduced themselves, briefly described their farmers market connection and outlined some of the issues related to farmers markets:
 1. More effort should be put toward driving traffic to main markets because they are losing foot traffic
 2. Concern that farmers are going away; especially 2nd generation immigrant farmers
 3. Tension between the desire to have more neighborhood-based markets (especially in low income areas) and the negative impact that more markets have on the main markets and on farmers' ability to make money—easier and cheaper for them to sell to many people at one market than fewer people at many markets
 4. Main markets wants financial support from the city
- In addition, participants offered names of people who should be included on the subcommittee: Rachel Slocum from St. Cloud and a masters student from the University of Minnesota. Lara and Amy distributed a list of meeting dates. **The first one will be January 7, 2009 from 9:00-10:30 at the Corcoran Neighborhood Association.**