

## **Detroit Food Policy Council – February 8, 2011**

**5:30 – 7:00 pm**

In attendance: Dan Carmody, Cheryl Simon, Patrick Crouch, Phil Jones, DeWayne Wells, Anntinette McCain, Olga Stella, Pam Weinstein, Ashley Atkinson, Charles Walker, Kami Pothukuchi, Minsu, Marilyn Nefer Ra Barber

Guests: Alex Beauchamp (Food and Water Watch), Lynna Kauchek, Lauren Meloche (Carnegie Mellon), Daryl Pierson (WSU)

### Call to Order

- Kami Pothukuchi called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Malik Yakini asked Kami to chair the meeting in his absence.

### Minutes

- Minutes reviewed and approved with corrections.

### DFPC Coordinator Report- Cheryl Simon

- Kellogg Foundation proposal has been submitted.
- Program Manager job description was finalized and the position has been posted with a closing date for applications set for March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Hiring Committee is Cheryl Simon, Patrick Crouch, Phil Jones and Charity Hicks.
- Cheryl attended DFFC meeting this week
- Office is up and running. The office phone number is 313.833.0396.
- Cheryl is working on building a database for DFPC and has requested contacts from Council Members to help populate the database with contacts including community organizations, faith based organizations, elected officials and media.
- Looking for resources for Detroit-based design and web support consultants
- Reviewing and updating by-laws
- Attended federal funding workshop, DFPC may have opportunity to apply for VISTA member(s)
- Cheryl would like to schedule a short meeting with all Council members to get to know them and become familiar with their work

### Update on Proposed Undoing Racism in Detroit Food System Collaboration- Ashley Atkinson (Report attached)

### Update on “Making Good Food Work Conference” - Charles Walker

Conference held April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> at Atheneum Hotel expecting over 200 participants. Charles participated in last conference call. The event will be centered on the development of 10-15 real world projects led by participants from around the country. The next conference call will take place later this week.

### Potential Collaboration with the Restaurant Opportunity Center- Minsu Longiaru

ROC is opening up COLORS of Detroit restaurant and training center. It will be located in Downtown Detroit and will source food from local farmers, serve as a base for movement building, and become a source of healthy food for the public. The center will also train 100-150 restaurant workers per year. Eventually, the restaurant will become a worker owned restaurant.

Minsu provided copies of a job description for executive chef and asked that the Council Members circulate it to potential candidates. ROC is also working on a policy initiative with D4 (Doing Development Differently in Detroit) and would like to potentially roll this legislation out at DFPC Summit. Their collaborative is developing legislation at the local level called CLLR, Campaign for Liquor Licensing Responsibility. The policy would consider the establishment's health and employment record when considering issuing liquor licensing. Plan to bring MOSES, ROC Michigan members, UFCW and UNITE here, Sugar Law Center, into collaboration. Question: Minsu - Would the Powering up the Local Food System Summit be an appropriate place to announce the initiative? Comment: Patrick – DFPC should decide if legislation is something we would endorse before we decide if announcement/discussion should take place at the summit. **Action: Minsu will bring additional information about legislation to DFPC and keep us informed. Roll out will not take place at the summit but could be discussed in a workshop.**

### Committee Reports

#### Annual Food System Report: (Kami)

- Thank you to everyone who provided data. Kami will be circulating drafts of sections for Council Members to review and edit prior to publication. Still looking for information on SNAP data.
- Need to fill in identified gaps for Michigan Citizen Column
- Kami asked that members provide a two paragraph statement on the following specific policy gaps; what it is and how impacts food system. School closures and possible restructuring – Anntinette; Detroit Works Project – Olga; Detroit incinerator – Pam will ask Margie Weber; Detroit Urban Ag Zoning – Kathryn; Michigan Cottage Industries – Ashley; Public Act 231 of 2008 – Olga; SNAP distribution – Pam;
- Report target delivery date is the week of May 2
- \$15,000 budgeted for production and printing for 2011.
- Report will be printed in one color with the front cover and/or a few special pages in more than one color.
- Number of copies:
  - Executive Summary Only – 10,000
  - Full Report (with listing of MI Citizen Articles) – 1,000
- Kami will set up a Google document to begin to circulate drafts for review and editing
- Looking for copy editing, printing, and layout services; provide contacts to Cheryl
- Also looking for photographs; high quality black and white or full color for cover/executive summary

#### Policy Implementation and Monitoring Committee: (Dan)

- Dan proposed changing the name to Policy Implementation Committee
- Question to Summit committee: Do you want input? Phil – yes.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 2.28.11 at 3 PM
- The Committee is getting mobilized and will have a more formal report at next Council meeting

#### Powering Up the Local Food System Summit: (Phil)

- Dates May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 Eastern Market Shed 5 8am-3pm
- Day one – DFPC introduction, media event, food report reveal, task force launch, local food spotlight, and resource fair

- Day two – recap of reveal, panel discussion as it relates to taskforces, possible key note, local food luncheon, resource fair, task force breakouts.
- Tentative dates for forums leading up to summit (completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>). Locations being identified in Southwest, Northwest, Northeast, and Southeast
- Youth components to foster exposure to food system and food system issues. Anntinette McCain is leading this effort.
- Need clarity on task force names, definitions, and descriptions immediately. Phil forwarding suggestions to Executive Committee. Executive Committee will review at next meeting and get information back to planning committee.
- Need bios for all Council Members and permission to forward contact information for interviews. Olga – suggests all media requests go to Cheryl or Malik and they forward request to Council Member.
- Malik suggested as keynote.
- Next meeting 2.17.2011 at 6PM at Eastern Market

### Reports from Governmental Representatives

#### Presentation to City Council

Executive Branch Report – No report.

Legislative Branch Report – In her absence, Kathryn Underwood sent copies of the update on DFPC report that she submitted to the City Council’s Neighborhood and Community Services Standing Committee. Anntinette suggested that we discuss the report at our next meeting when Kathryn is present.

Department of Health and Wellness Promotion – No report. Bill Ridella is out on medical leave. Sharon Quincy will represent the department in his absence.

#### Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 5:30 pm, Eastern Market Corporation (2964 Russell Street).

#### Announcements

- Food and Water Watch working to oppose House Bill 4112 of 2011. They believe an attempt to privatize the water system is underway and are working on reaching out to the 126 communities served by DWSD to oppose bill. Kami asked the representatives from Food and Water Watch if they would provide a one page outline on how this issue is relevant to the local food system.

#### Meeting Adjourned 7:30 PM