

Detroit Food Policy Council – January 11, 2011

5:30 – 7:00 pm

In attendance: Malik Yakini, Dan Carmody, Cheryl Simon, Charles Walker, Patrick Crouch, Phil Jones, DeWayne Wells, Anntinette McCain, Marilyn Nefer Ra Barber, Olga Stella, Pam Weinstein, Ashley Atkinson, Taja Sevelle (on phone).

Guests: No guests present.

Minutes

- Minutes reviewed and approved with corrections.

Introduction of DFPC Coordinator Cheryl Simon

- Cheryl Simon introduced herself and reminded everyone that her contact information and the DFPC office hours were sent in an email earlier this week.

Update on Proposed Undoing Racism in Detroit Food System Collaboration

- Malik indicated that the Executive Committee would be discussing this collaboration at a meeting tomorrow (1/12/11). The Executive Committee will bring recommendations back to the Council.

Response to Invitation to Participate on Organizing Committee for “Making Good Food Work Conference”

- Question: Malik – Is this an event the Detroit Food Policy Council would like to endorse and participate in?
 - **Action Item: The DFPC will endorse the Making Good Food Work Conference and appoint a representative to participate in the Conference Organizing Committee. Charity Hicks was the recommended representative with Phil Jones acting as a substitute.**

Committee Reports

Powering Up the Local Food System Summit: (Phil)

- Phil – The planning committee is recommending holding the event on Thursday May 19th and Friday May 20th at the Eastern Market in Sheds 3 and 5. Comment: Malik – Does having the event on Thursday and Friday (not Saturday) limit community participation? Anntinette – We (DPS) may be able to help bus students and parents to the event. Question: Olga – Can we get a logistics breakdown indicating how many breakout spaces the space will allow? Comment: Phil – Yes. That is something the planning committee will start working on right away. Comment: Anntinette – Will the sheds be warm enough? Phil – In the event we need heat we have access to heat. Comment: Phil – Committee meetings are scheduled for second Monday of each month at Eastern Market at 6:00 p.m. for those who'd like to participate.
 - **Action Item – Phil and Cheryl will move forward in creating Save the Date information for the Summit containing the proposed place and date.**

Policy Implementation and Monitoring Committee: (Dan)

- Dan – Met with local and national representatives from AARP Foundation. They are interested in collaborating with DFPC, possibly sponsoring/underwriting our annual

report. Question: Malik – What will this committee’s role be in launching DFPC task forces at Powering Up Local Food System Summit? Comment: Dan and DeWayne – We will look at structure of committees as well as start to collaborate with Summit Committee.

Reports from Governmental Representatives

Presentation to City Council

Executive Branch Report

- Taja – No report this month because of the Holidays.

Legislative Branch Report

- Kathryn provided a written report (Cheryl summarized) – The City Planning Commission (CPC) is submitting an update on the DFPC to the Detroit City Council this week. A draft report was provided. If the DFPC wants to make a presentation to the City Council, Kathryn is recommending that a formal request go directly from the DFPC to the City Council and that the DFPC be responsible for the format and content of the presentation. CPC staff is continuing to work on the Right to Farm Act issue with regard to moving forward on City code and policy revisions to support Urban Agriculture.

Department of Health and Wellness Promotion

- Bill’s office called Cheryl today to say he would not be able to attend meeting tonight due to illness. He did not provide a written report.

Michigan Citizen Column

- Anntinette McCain volunteered to write a column on the DPS Wellness Policy for next week’s deadline. Anntinette asked for a volunteer to review and edit her submission and Ashley volunteered. Olga will submit a piece for the week after and the rotation will start again after that. Cheryl will coordinate the schedule and submissions.

Next Meeting

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

Announcements

- DBCFSN is hosting a 5th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, February 19, 2011. Everyone was invited to purchase a ticket and attend.
- United Way is hosting a Hunger Summit this spring.
- Next Undoing Racism in Food System gathering is on February 5th, everyone should be receiving an invitation via email.

Meeting Adjourned 6:40 PM