

Detroit Food Policy Council – July 12, 2011

5:30 – 7:00 pm

In attendance: Cheryl Simon, Patrick Crouch, Phil Jones, Ashley Atkinson, Kami Pothukuchi, Kathryn Underwood, Charity Hicks, Dan Carmody, DeWayne Wells, Malik Yakini, Nefer Ra Barber, Sharon Qunicy, Pam Weinstein, Lisa

Guests: Roxanne Moore, Leon, Dawn, Bob, Betty Wiggins, Christine, Julie, Kate, Ian Tupper

Minutes

- Minutes reviewed and approved. Kami – I appreciate inclusion of executive committee meeting minutes.

DFPC Coordinator Report (see report)

- Kellogg grant received.
- Emerson fellowship awarded. Fellow's resume is included in report. Primarily working on production of next year's Food System Report.
- DFPC not selected for Detroit Urban Research Center's small planning grant.
- Workgroup Sessions begin this month.
- CS Mott Group working on technical assistance resource for groups engaged in food systems work.
- Detroit City Council request to present has been submitted.
- Michigan Citizen Article submission schedule reviewed.
- Nominating committee has not met but will reconvene soon to start process of filling empty board slots.
- Book keeping and accounting services being
- 501c3 application drafted.

Kathryn had concerns about Urban Agriculture Workgroup. She thinks facilitators should direct the timeline and work of the workgroups at a time that is good for gardeners and farmers (not july and august). Council also agreed to assist with community engagement around zoning and ordinance changes and she thinks this work needs to relate to UA workgroup meetings. ACTION: Ashley will facilitate July and August Workgroup meeting dates with the intent of connecting work back to agreed upon outreach strategy this fall.

Ashley - Workgroups need Workplan. Schedule. Facilitation Guideline. Note Taking and Reporting Procedures. Making Connections to Work on the Group. How Relates Back to Food Report. We also need guidelines for how to prioritize goals of council. ACTION: Phil convene meeting of workgroup facilitators. Ashley and others will forward questions about process and structure that should be addressed at meeting.

Treasurer's Report (see report)

ACTION: DeWayne and Cheryl will prepare a budget narrative as well as add an actual expense column to the budget. Additional requests and questions will be sent to DeWayne and Cheryl prior to the next meeting. Cheryl will augment next month's Full Council meeting's agenda adding 30 minutes to allow for time for review and approval of the 2011-2012 budget. In the future we will form a finance committee to review and make recommendations for the budget and/or budgeting and finance issues.

Powering Up the Local Food System Summit

Pam – What press did we receive? Phil – We need to develop a better media presence. Chanel 6, Michigan Citizen, and a few others did provide coverage. In general we need a general media/PR strategy as well as a concerted effort to reach out to others doing similar work in the area. Malik – Lighting and acoustics could be improved or we could consider a new location for next year. Phil – Will send out an event evaluation along with a report/evaluation prepared by him. The event should be held earlier in the year, early March ideal.

Workgroups

Healthy Food Access Workgroup has met. Approximately 15 community members participated. Three subcommittees were created.

Reports from Governmental Representatives

Executive Branch Report - (Lisa, no report)

Legislative Branch Report – (Kathryn, see written report)

- Presentation in Flint went well.
- DFPC involvement in CPC public learning sessions. Need assistance with communicating suggested standards collecting feedback and concerns from community and modifying plans. Kathryn will convene a subcommittee meeting with Lisa, Cheryl, Dan, Patrick, Ashley, and Malik prior to the August UA Workgroup meeting to create a strategy and plan.
- Michigan Right to Farm Act. Conservation easement being proposed as a short-term option to implement projects until Right to Farm exemption is pursued.
- MOU regarding green houses and hoopouses

Department of Health and Wellness Promotion – (Sharon, no written report)

- Breast feeding promotion and support group
- Project FRESH coupons being distributed. Other sites distributing coupons include Chass Health Clinic and many others. Pam – This is an issue that DFPC should work on. Sharon and Pam will draft a letter to request additional coupons and programming for Detroit to submit at next DFPC meeting.

Report on Program Manager Progress (nothing to report)

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, August 9, 5:30-8:00PM at the Eastern Market Corporation.

Public Comment (none)

Announcements

- Save the date for the opening gala of COLORS restaurant at 5:30PM at 311 E. Grand River in Virgil Carr Building.
- DAN Tour August 3, 2011. Reservations accepted now.
- Wayne State Market On-going
- Legislative Update July 28th 6:30-8:00 PM at Gleaners
- Summer in the City magazines distributed. Includes information about where free lunches are being served
- Tuesday market at Eastern Market started today

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM