

Detroit Food Policy Council – May 10, 2011

5:30 – 7:00 pm

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

Guests: Todd Mistor, Lynna Kauchek, Carlos O'Banion

Minutes

- Minutes reviewed and approved with corrections.

DFPC Coordinator Report (see report)

- We received notification of award of Kellogg Grant
- We also submitted an application for Bill Emerson Hunger Fellows Program
- New Michigan Citizen schedule presented
- Update on registration for Powering Up the Local Food System Summit and summary of community forums

Treasurer's Report (see report)

- Summary of revenue and expenses

Senate Agriculture Committee Field Hearing

- Hearing rescheduled for May 31, 2011 9AM-12PM
- Cheryl will attend to present letter drafted by Kami on behalf of DFPC
- Food and Water Watch is requesting the DFPC formally endorse statement by signing their letter. Kami – we cannot endorse statement as a 501c3 but individuals can.

Reports from Governmental Representatives

Executive Branch Report - (Lisa)

Environmental summit hosted by independent environmental organizations took place last week and many people attended to discuss environmental issues including Urban Agriculture. Lisa put in request for Mayor to attend Powering Up the Local Food System event. He cannot attend due to a scheduling conflict but did present an opportunity about what DFPC wants from the Mayor

- Like to have clear and open communication
- Being consulted before endorsing any policy related to food
- Read Food Report
- Teach in or conversation
- Engage council related to Right to Farm Act
- Take a much more positive stance
- A statement from Mayor for Summit and a representative

Garden permit conversations are in progress. Lisa and Kathryn are working together to coordinate a workgroup to address the issue of the permit.

Legislative Branch Report – (Kathryn)

City Planning Commission staff had a meeting with Harvey Santana, vice-chair of the Agriculture Committee. He would like her presentation to be repeated in front of the Agriculture Committee and Kathryn will work with DFPC to plan and prepare this presentation. No news on scheduling presentation with City Council. Kathryn will be providing some technical support to representatives of Flint working on starting a Food Policy Council. She would like Charity to consider working with her.

Department of Health and Wellness Promotion – (Sharon – See report)
DHWP Food Service Summer Program is scheduled to start June 20, 2011 and will run through August 19, 2011.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: (Olga)

Policy question related to nominating appointees for executive committee should be addressed. Because there is lack of clarity around this issue nominating committee decided not to consider appointees for executive committee positions. Other items nominating committee considered heavily included continuity of leadership and building grassroots leadership within the executive committee. Nominating committee polled all members to ask about their ability and willingness to serve. This said the slate of candidates that the nominating committee is recommending includes retain Malik nominate Phil Jones as vice chair, retain ashley, nominate DeWayne Wells for treasurer. **Slate approved by consensus**

Powering Up the Local Food System Summit: (Phil, See Report)

Phil reviewed the Summit format and described the Tasting Detroit and Taste of Detroit To Come portions of the events. We still need help recruiting and coordinating volunteers. We need exhibitors. Workgroup chairs need to provide breakout format by tomorrow, including volunteer needs, and dates and/or plans for follow-up meetings that would take place within 30 days after the summit. We need Council Members to distribute 10 scholarships each and get them registered quickly. Council members need to register for the Summit and get as many people registered as possible. Forums – flyers don't work and phone calls do. As we move into next phase of Summit and workgroup development we need to be mindful about our outreach and engagement methods. We also need to look at our facilitation techniques to make sure that we are consistent and effective. Kami – Would like us to print an agenda for the Summit. Cheryl – We will be printing an agenda but saving paper by not doing a full program. Kami- Need to summarize and share spirit and feedback from forums. Phil – That is what the 10 minute breakout sessions are for. Kami – Workgroups should have similar process so there is some consistency. There should also be a summary of key concepts shared at the close of both days. Charity – what is the time allotment for breakouts? Phil – One hour. Charity – Can we provide some comment cards so that participants have additional avenues to provide feedback. Patrick – Maybe also make texting comments to DFPC an option. Olga – Could also use big pieces of paper to provide an area to post comments. Charity – Have we invited elected officials? Cheryl – we should resend invitations to elected officials with a copy of report. Sharon – Are you planning to do an evaluation of the day? Phil – We can do that. Malik – What's happening with DPS parents? Phil – We don't know now but will by the end of the week. Patrick – Will check to see if EarthWorks staff are available to facilitate a youth discussion during the Workgroup breakout. Kami – Wants to show gratitude for all of Phil's hard work.

Annual Food System Report: (Kami)

Please review the executive summary and notify Kami of any errors in the hard copy so they can be corrected in the on-line file. Come prepared with questions for the Q & A following Kami's presentation at the Summit. Kami presented Michigan Citizen article written about

grocery store study done by her students and asked for related issues to be studied. Malik - Would like to know specific ethnicity of grocery store owners. Charity – Would like to know number of employees and years in business. Patrick – would like to know how many owners live in Detroit and are employing residents of the city (zipcodes). Malik – How many sell Organic? Fresh? Processed? Charity – How many have liquor license. (city and state should have this information) Olga – Store checklist including cleanliness. Kami – The question is are there a handful of pointed questions that we can ask to all 80 stores. Charity – Square footage. Olga – Neilson database is good enough for that number. Ashley – Good candidate for DFPC Council Membership. Gratitude to Kami and person responsible for layout. Kami – This is the time that we should be organizing for next years' report. Things that are on the horizon and should be incorporated include Census 2010, Detroit Works, Farm Bill etc Olga – We should consider taking on intern to help in the future.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, June 7th, 5:30 PM at the Eastern Market Corporation.

Announcements

- Hot Crop Distribution May 19 and 21

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM