

Detroit Food Policy Council  
Meeting Notes  
May 11, 2010

**Members Present:** Dan Carmody, Phil Jones, DeWayne Wells, Patrick Crouch, Minsu Longiaru, Marilyn Barber, William Ridella, Pam Weinstein, Charles Walker, Charity Hicks, Malik Yakini, Ashley Atkinson, Kathryn Underwood, and Taja Sevelle (via phone).

**Guests:** Tris Richardson of Detroit Ag Network, Lila Cabbil of Rosa Parks Institute, and Mike Travis of Urban Farming

Malik called the meeting to order at 5:45pm

A sign-up sheet was passed around and those in attendance were asked to review the minutes that were distributed at the start of the meeting.

Questions regarding the minutes of the March meeting were fielded. Taja Seville stated she wanted to be part of the Kami/Ashley food asset mapping exercise. With that change the minutes were approved.

A guest was introduced – Tris Richardson who has been a DAN Board member for many, many years.

Bill Ridella, Deputy Director of Dept. of Health & Wellness was introduced as a new rep. from the Dept. Bill is still a registered dietician and very interested in the issue of food and nutrition.

Open discussion about the Michigan Citizen series. A lively discussion ensued regarding whether a deeper boilerplate header for the article show be developed along with a variety of comments regarding whether it is the opinions of the individual or the DPFC. In the end it was concluded that the comments and opinions should remain those of the members of the Detroit Food Policy Council and not represent the opinions or policies of the Detroit Food Policy Council itself.

Discussion regarding linking the article to the website but it was pointed out that the website cannot handle additional features. After a discussion of needing more web site capacity it was agreed that Malik will contact the person who helped set up the web site to determine how best to add additional capacity to the web site.

Charity will do an article about Farm to School, others include Charles Walker, and DeWayne Wells. A schedule for the next seven weeks was established:

May 18 – Charity Hicks  
May 25 - Charles Walker  
June 1 – DeWayne Wells  
June 8 – DPHW  
June 15 – Minsu Longiaru  
June 22 – Pam Weinstein  
June 29 – Marilyn Barber

Pam Weinstein urged priority to expand web site.

Conversation turned to hiring of a coordinator. Patrick Crouch, Phil Jones, Charity Hicks, and Ashley Atkinson all agreed to serve the search committee to seek, interview, and select a Detroit Food Policy Coordinator.

People were given time to review the job description.

Pam Weinstein suggested created a scoring system and Malik suggested a rubric be established to help compare candidates.

Discussion ensued about whether to ask a human resources person to be engaged in the hiring process. Patrick offered to ask the Capuchin Soup Kitchen human resources department.

Committee will bring back a process to the next DFPC council in June.

A wide discussion of whether and how to post job was held. With the current economy it was discussed whether the search should be broad or more narrowly conducted. Pam Weinstein would error on the side of the avalanche. In the end, general consensus agreed that a wider search would be conducted.

Final list of things that the Selection Committee will consider – designing the hiring process, determining a scoring system with which to screen candidates and developing a rubric to assist with the screening, consult with a HR professional regarding the search and hiring of a coordinator, determining a time line, and developing a strategy for advertising the position.

Discussion of job description: The word “establish” was stricken because the DFPC is already established.

After a thorough discussion of whether city residency should be a qualification or a desired qualification it was determined to leave it as a desired qualification because of possible legal issues.

The committee will fill in the date posted, the application deadline, and contact person to who resumes and references should be submitted.

The Food System did not have a report, nor did the Policy Implementation, and Monitoring committee.

Phil Jones talked about the problem of setting a date for a DFPC ice breaker session. Ashley advised to pick a date and go. Ashley also agreed to make follow up phone calls once a date was established.

Charity Hicks gave a report regarding the Food & Community Conference.

Charity summarized a session on other food policy councils and that big ag is co-opting other food policy councils.

A discussion of feast ensued.

A discussion of the information flow about programs and building bridges between organizations which would be an important part of the coordinators job

The next meeting will be June 15, 2010 at the Belle Isle Aquarium at 5:30

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Carmody". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D'.

Dan Carmody  
Member