

DETROIT FOOD POLICY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
TUESDAY, October 12, 2010
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
EASTERN MARKET CORPORATION

1. Roll Call

Present: Malik Yakini, Dan Carmody, Phil Jones, Kami Pothukuchi, Marilyn Nefer Ra Barber, Charity Hicks, Pam Weinstein, Kathryn Underwood, Minsu Longiaru, Patrick Crouch, Dewayne Wells, Charles Walker, Bill Ridella, Anntinette McCain, Ashley Atkinson

Guests: Neferet Bryan, Gail Carr, Nichelle Underwood, Killian O'Brien, Lisa Richter

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

3. Michigan Citizen DFPC Column Assignments

10/19 Malik
10/26
11/2
11/9
11/16
11/23

4. Request for Endorsement for Kellogg Foundation Grant Proposal

Request approved for submission of a two-year, \$320,000 grant to support DFPC staff and programming. Funding proposal to City of Detroit will be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

5. Report on Search for DFPC Coordinator

The Hiring Committee reviewed submissions from 31 candidates and narrowed down pool of candidates to 8 for interviews based on criteria outlined in the job description. The Committee conducted 8 interviews and will be submitting the names of 4 finalists for the Coordinator position to the executive committee at the end of the meeting. The Hiring Committee will make the interview rubric results and themselves available to the Executive Committee to aid in the next round of interviews. The Executive Committee will schedule second interviews. The Hiring Committee also recommended moving forward with creating job descriptions for the Program Manager and Administrative Assistant.

6. Office Lease and Development

The Lease is ready to sign. Malik will sign at the conclusion of the meeting.

7. Committee Reports

a. Powering Up the Food System Summit Report (see report)

Phil submitted a formal report to the Council. In short, the purpose of the Summit is to educate and mobilize the citizens of the City of Detroit to transform the local food system

to one that insures Community Food Security. The summit will build capacity to organize on a grassroots level and provide citizens with education and opportunity for action around the areas of concern identified in the City of Detroit Policy on Food Security, as well as introduce the community to the Detroit Food Policy Council.

b) Food System and Program Coordination Report

Kami is still assembling data. She hopes to have a rough draft for next meeting. Expect an email request from Annette Stevens for program descriptions/profiles. Please complete in a timely manner.

c) Reactivating the Policy Implementation and Monitoring Committee

The committee needs to find and set a meeting date. Suggested next meeting date is October 26th.

8. Reports from Governmental Representatives

a) Executive Branch (see report)

Gail Carr submitted a written report for Councilmember. Gail will forward that report to the body as a whole via email

It was suggested that the Detroit Health and Wellness Promotion Department representative prepare and give a report at each meeting. Bill Ridella accepted that assignment.

b) Legislative Branch

Kathryn reported that there was consensus between the Executive and Legislative branches of government within the City to request an exemption from the Michigan Right to Farm Act. Both branches want to see the City maintain the authority to set standards. Michigan State University is assisting with the drafting of the City's standards so they won't be developed in a vacuum and citizens will have an opportunity to weigh in before they are finalized. Kathryn also preparing a report to Council on DFPC activity to date, which will include a statement that the DFPC would like to speak at a City Council Meeting.

9) Update on Legislative Concern

Mike Huckleberry and Gabe Leland introduced Bill 6458 to exempt communities with populations of 900,000 or more from Michigan Right to Farm Act. Council decided not to react to the Bill. Rather, we will begin to organize relevant communities and legislators for future action.

10) Explanation of Undoing Racism

Lisa Richter from EarthWorks Urban Farm provided an update on history of undoing racism in the food system work in Detroit. She invited Council members to attend monthly Race and Justice in the Food System gatherings on first Saturday of each month. The next meetings are on Nov 6th from 1-3PM and Dec 4th 1-3PM. It was suggested that we host an Undoing Racism workshop for DFPC members annually. A line item will be included in the Kellogg Foundation grant to support these trainings.

11) Request from DBCFSN for Town Hall Meetings

Discussion tabled.

12) Meeting

- Next meeting is set for Tuesday, November 9, 2010.

13) Announcements

- Hoophouse workshop with Will Allen hosted by Detroit Black Community Food Security Network at DTown Farm on October 30th and 31st.