

DETROIT FOOD POLICY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
EASTERN MARKET CORPORATION

1. Roll Call

Present: Taja Seville, Malik Yakini, Dan Carmody, Phil Jones, Kami Pothukuchi, Marilyn Nefer Ra Barber, Charity Hicks, Olga Savic, Pam Weinstein, Kathryn Underwood, Minsu Longiaru, Patrick Crouch, Dewayne Wells.

Guests: Roxanne Moore, Cheryl Danley, Rod Toneye, Terry Craig, Neferet Bryan, Sister Eileen Lantzy, Devin Foote

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

3. Request for Endorsement of the Michigan Good Food Charter - Overview by Cheryl Danley, CS Mott Group at Michigan State.

Summary: One year ago working groups convened to discuss an agenda to impact the 2010 election agenda. Five areas of interest: 1) Farming, 2) Youth, 3) Institutional Purchasing, 4) Food Infrastructure, 5) Healthy Access/Food Deserts. These five areas are summarized throughout the document.

Decision: DFPC votes with consensus to support the Michigan Good Food Charter.

Notes: Kathryn will circulate document to City Planning Commission, Taja to submit to Mayors office.

4. Presentation from SW Detroit Loaves & Fishes, Sister Eileen Lantzy on seeking DFPC endorsement to USDA Hunger Free Community Grants application.

Grant total: \$100,000, 200,000 over 2 years.

Zip Codes targeted: 48208, 48209, 48210, 48216, 48217

- General: Planning to establish a client-owned pantry, similar to Gleaners in SW Detroit (Gleaners has provided technical support for the grant).
- Questions:
 - 1) What activities are the planning grant going after, and have community/advocacy groups been involved?
 - a. Have been working with Skillman, but have yet to ask residents/clients in SW Detroit for input.
 - 2) What are the deliverables on the grant?
 - a. See page 4 of circulated document
 - 3) How will project move past service, towards collective leadership by clients?
 - a. L&F is looking to work closely with clients; pulling clients onto board of pantry and/or placing in working groups.

ISSUE: Dan pointed out that only one “community” can apply for a USDA Hunger Free Community Grant – language in grant release makes it unclear to what exactly a “community” is.

- It is stressed that DFPC needs to make a motion to endorse EMC HFCG proposal or L&F proposal.

Summary: Consensus is reached that DFPC will endorse EMC proposal if USDA defines a “community” as a single item, if two: (1) planning & assessment, (2) implementation) then DFPC will endorse both proposals.

- DFPC did endorse EMC proposal at previous meeting but as a result of this conversation, consensus is reached that DFPC needs to establish a procedure for endorsing material.

5. Undoing Racism – Patrick Crouch – Overview

Patrick recommends that an individual from DFPC be in attendance at Saturday training sessions and include that new DFPC appointees participate in a Undoing Racism training.

- Question:
 - 1) Where does Undoing Racism work fit into the roll/work of the DFPC? Should DFPC be an active participant in this work, and what does that look like?
 - PC: Participating in Undoing Racism work should be a priority of DFPC council to have an individual from DFPC in attendance. Yes, DFPC should be an active participant
- Comments:
 - Concern that one bad incident can destroy the work that has been done.
 - It appears difficult that DFPC committee could participate in the process; Phil suggests that DFPC falls to Task Force.
 - Malik has recommended materials/process be presented – Rod to follow up.
 - Olga recommends that the newly hired Director be apart of the facilitation process.

6. Reminder Regarding Weekly Column in Michigan Citizen

Malik will start next rotation after next week.

Please revisit article specs – Columns have been approved for 750 words (instead of 500); two pictures are to accompany each article – one of the author and one that relates to the content of the article.

Email articles to: frontdesk@michigancitizen.com
Please also copy to zjeffries@michigancitizen.com

ALL ARTICLES ARE DUE AT NOON ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE PUBLICATION

Note: Kami is available to take head shots of people on the Council – we should have a head shot of everyone

7. Search Process for DFPC Coordinator – Patrick Crouch/Ashley Atkinson

- Have 31 resumes (list was circulated at meeting)
- Want to clarify individual contacts that folks on council may know have applied.
- MEETING Thursday, September 20th, at The Greening of Detroit office to narrow down candidates. Feedback on candidates should be emailed by Thursday, September 16th.
- A rubric has been established to narrow down candidate pool. Final candidates will go through two interviews.

8. Office Lease and Development – Dan Carmody

- An Office has been created.

9. Committee Reports

a. Annual Conference – Phil Jones

- Looking at March 18-20, in addressing community involvement, looking to create public forums at the conference for feedback.
- Two models: a 5-forum model or a 3-forum model (Eastside, Westside, Central)
- Task Force:
 - In guiding the future efforts by the Task Force, DFPC needs to go step-by-step in addressing the steps that need to be taken in order to move ahead.

