

**Food and Nutrition Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Parkway North, Saint Paul, MN 55104**

*The purpose of the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Food and Nutrition Commission is to provide long-range planning and associated recommendations for policy, systems and environmental change at neighborhood, city and county levels with the aim of increasing access to healthy food.*

**Members Present/Representation**

Nadja Berneche | County District 5 (co-chair)  
 Karen Fangman | County District 1 (co-chair)  
 Diane Dodge | County District 4  
 Lebo Moore | City of St. Paul  
 Rebecca Mino | City of St. Paul  
 Metric Giles | City of St. Paul  
 Terese Hill | City of St. Paul

**SPRCPH Staff:**

Carissa Glatt | SHIP Grant Coordinator, Staff Liaison  
 Franny Clary-Leiferman | Health Educator  
 William Moore | Health Educator  
 Howie Hsieh | Intern

**Guests:**

Anita Berg | Food Group  
 Susan Hastings | Community Member  
 Carl Johnson | Community member  
 Barb Rose | Community Member  
 Rebekah Morrissey | Student  
 Judy Carvalho | Community Member  
 Evalyn Carbrey | UMN Extension

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 pm. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

Agenda item:	Speaker/Discussion:
Harvest Park Farm	Recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anita described The Food Group and its recent merger with Minnesota Food Association (MFA).</li> <li>• The Food Group/MFA is currently partnering with City of Maplewood Parks Department on a project called Harvest Park Farm.</li> <li>• Harvest Park Farm takes unused ballfields and converts them into organic farm fields</li> <li>• Program will offer land for farming, farmer training, cooking demos, and classes and activities for youth and adults</li> </ul> Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group discussion on how FNC can support Harvest Park Farm as the project progresses</li> <li>• FNC could help with marketing in the future, specifically getting word out about programming</li> <li>• Developing a replicable model based on Harvest Park Farm</li> </ul> Follow-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See PowerPoint slides for presentation</li> </ul>
October listening session	Recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen discussed FNC engaging and connecting with the community</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community listening session planned for October 2nd</li> <li>• Emphasis on identifying who we are and what we can do for the community</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Café Format</li> <li>• Framing: Kickoff of New FNC Goals/Mission/Vision</li> <li>• Annual or quarterly listening meeting idea</li> <li>• Meal that people can replicate</li> <li>• Alternative participation: FB live event or postcards or others?</li> <li>• Setting the context             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Audience                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Neighborhood co-op staff/management</li> <li>ii. District council representatives (to bring in neighborhood feedback)</li> <li>iii. Community organization representatives and institutional representatives dealing with food in any way</li> <li>iv. Community members</li> <li>v. Community gardeners/urban farmers</li> <li>vi. Neighborhood publications</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Purpose                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Community members better understand what FNC does and how they can connect with us</li> <li>ii. Handout/messaging/scope/goals/example of work (short-medium-long term)</li> <li>iii. Build positive trusted relationships</li> <li>iv. Encouraging creative, innovative ideas</li> <li>v. Better understand community needs we can address</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Space             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Features                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Comfortable</li> <li>ii. Transit friendly</li> <li>iii. Food from outside okay</li> <li>iv. Childcare option</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Location                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mounds Theater w/ tables?</li> <li>ii. Rondo library or MLK center</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Outreach Plan                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Fliers</li> <li>ii. Social Media</li> <li>iii. Email/e-news blasts</li> <li>iv. Partner organizations</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Save the date now/ASAP                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Eventbrite site or email</li> <li>ii. For planning purposes, RSVPs requested</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Critical powerful questions             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How can we better promote FNC purpose/connection/opportunities?</li> <li>b. How do people understand FNC vision/mission? What</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>does it mean to them? What does that look like?          c. What can people contribute to achieve goals?</p>
<p>Updates and Announcements</p>	<p>Recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carissa: Michael Dahl from Food Charter Network thanks everyone because SHIP got re-funded</li> <li>• Carissa: Requesting FNC members write pronouns on nametags if not already on there</li> <li>• Lebo: Eat Local Co-op Farm Tour is this Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10 am to 2 pm</li> <li>• Lebo: Minnesota Food Charter Network will be having regional events in the fall highlighting food charter work; requesting FNC members to serve in advisory roles for planning these events</li> <li>• Diane: Chinese students will be visiting Frogtown on Friday; they will be meeting at the Peace Garden (Victoria St and Aurora Ave) at 9 am and going on a walking tour</li> <li>• Diane: Rondo Days festival taking place (Park at Dale St.) this Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017</li> <li>• Diane: Twin Cities Agricultural Land Trust is recruiting board members</li> <li>• Judy: Westin Price Foundation will be holding annual public policy conference in the Twin Cities in November</li> </ul>

Minutes taken by: Howie Hsieh

Motion to adjourn (7:35 a.m.) passed by affirmation of the committee.

**Next meeting:**

- Informal working meeting on August 7, 2017
- Possibly meeting at Plato building and setting up conference line to call in
- Working on advertising materials and getting word out on October listening session