

Food and Nutrition Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2017
Dayton's Bluff Rec Center 800 Conway St, St. Paul, 55106

Members Present/Representation

Nadja Berneche | County District 5 (co-chair)
Karen Fangman | County District 1 (co-chair)
Lebohang Moore | City of St. Paul (absent)
Amanda Karls | City of St. Paul
Rebecca Mino | City of St. Paul
Metric Giles | City of St. Paul
John Parker-Der Boghossian | City of St. Paul
Elizabeth Zalanga | County District 3 (absent)
Diane Dodge | County District 4

SPRCPH Staff

Carissa Glatt | SHIP Grant Coordinator, Staff Liaison
Franny Clary-Leiferman | Health Educator
William Moore | Health Educator
Rae Frank | Environmental Health

Guests

Julie Seiber | Community member
Terese Hill | Community member
Alex Groten | Community member
Amber Ries | Nursing student
Joe Mendyka | City of St. Paul
Judy Carvalho | Community member
Evalyn Carbrey | Extension

Please put your pronouns on your name tag*

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm. Welcome and introduction, objectives review.

Agenda Item #1: Solid Waste Advisory Committee presentation

Rae Frank from Ramsey County Environmental Health presented on the Ramsey County Solid Waste Master Plan: Trash and Recycling Planning for 2030, which focuses on health prevention through trash, recycling and solid waste. The MPCA updates their plan every 6 years, and then counties update theirs accordingly. These plans are for the future, currently working on the plan for 2030. A big update to this plan is to recycle 75% of waste (currently at about 50%) in Ramsey Co. The Food and Nutrition commission may be involved in community engagement (June 2017), or draft review/open for comments (August 2017). A main area of opportunity that may be of interest to the FNC is the aim to goal to reduce improve recycling to 75% is through elimination of food waste, composting, etc. There was reference to a connection of eliminating food waste with feeding hungry people. We also discussed the importance of language used and education around recycling, food waste, the use of "organic" recycling to the community as well.

Some examples of what's occurring in RC currently: What are we doing in RC? See slide about diverting waste in RC. RC gives grants to various organizations to divert food waste. 2nd Harvest Heartland-food rescue, Food to Hog (schools to hogs), funding to business to start and expand organic waste, supporting 7 organic waste collection sites, participating in Ad council/natural resources defense council (Save the Food campaign)

-Question for the group: how can we work together, breakdown silos between the hunger and solid waste world

---use composting for building soils to grow more food

---add drop sites at multi-unit dwelling

---educate people on what organic waste means, and the importance of recycling

Check out Savethefood.com (FNC could use resources)

www.ramseyrecycles.com/masterplan (Updates on RC master plan)

Survey Monkey-Please add your comments (Carissa will send a link in email)

See Powerpoint about Solid Waste Plan

Action Items: Fill out survey monkey about Solid Waste Plan (food waste specific), Carissa will send powerpoint out to FNC, Here is the [survey link](#)! *Please complete by June 27th!*

MPCA Policy Plan: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/metropolitan-solid-waste-management-policy-plan>
Ramsey County Master Planning Page: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/recycling-waste/planning-future>
Current Ramsey County Master Plan:
https://www.ramseycounty.us/sites/default/files/Departments/Public%20Health/solid_waste_master_plan.pdf

Agenda Item #2: Strategic Short-term goals review and vote

There was a discussion about the vision and goal setting and how the FNC can be most impactful and make concrete things happen. The previous meeting's dot chart brought about 4 main goals: Food Security, Food and Land Access, and Environment (solid waste plan), and the fourth, which was labeled barriers to access (MN Food code). We broke up into groups by interest and charged each of these groups to make a plan for going forth with this topic including a timeline, action items, work plan, engagement plan, deliverables. There was also discussion about the importance of being in the community and hearing their thoughts on food. There are numerous events this summer that could be attended. It was mentioned that racial equity was no included in these goals, or vision, and that it should be a focus throughout each groups work plan.

Upcoming community events that FNC could attend: Topic suggestion: ask community their thoughts on FNC's vision, "because everyone deserves healthy, affordable food"

- Saturday, June 10th: in Frogtown, 9-12pm event this Saturday. Contact Judy for specifics.
- Friday, June 16th, Peace Celebration, Ober Community Center, 3-7pm

Action Items: Each group will continue to stay in touch and work on a plan for going forward with their goal. If you missed the meeting, contact Carissa with which group you're most interested in joining and she will put you in contact with them.

Agenda Item #3: Work groups and reporting back

- We only had 15 minutes for group discussion and not enough time to report back.

Action Items: Groups will continue to stay in touch and create a plan for going forward on their goals.

Agenda Item #4: Updates and Announcements

- Next meeting is July 10th (not the 3rd due to 4th of July)
- Usually Aug is cancelled-do people want to meet in their small groups?
- Think about bringing a guest to this meeting.
- Location: Wilder

Action Items:

- See you on July 10th!
- Please let Carissa and Nadia know if you're interested in meeting in August.

Minutes taken by: Franny Clary-Leiferman
Meeting ended around 7:35.

Next Meeting

- Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm Location: Wilder