

## **Food and Nutrition Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 5, 2013**

**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Ramsey County Plato Office Building**

Members present: Bernie Hesse, Colleen Schlieper, Diane Dodge, Helene Murray, Linda Pope, Lisa Jore, Metric Giles, Nadja Berneche, Pat Trotter

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Dave Glenn, Julie Seiber, Mark Stouffer, Lisa Farwell

The meeting was called to order by the co-chairs. Announcements included:

Garden Tour August 10 in Twin Cities, including a beehive demonstration at Hamline & Pierce Butler

Food Access Summit in Duluth August 13-15

An update on the Community Meal planning for Sept. 21, 2014 at a half-mile long table on Victoria Steet

Food Day (October 24)—Cooking Matters, Ceann Klug organizing grocery tours, looking for volunteers

Peace Garden celebration Aug. 6 at 851 Aurora from 2-4 pm

State Fair Eco Experience will have presentations on the topic of Farm to School

The Urban Agriculture zoning study status update was passed by the Planning Commission and sent to City Council for approval. A concern was raised that it doesn't adequately address green houses and hoop houses, allowing only 120 square feet without a building permit. Should there be a review process included in the amendment?

Metric Giles expressed a concern that green space is not equitably spaced over the city. Should it be? Could green space be a designated zoning code? Could vacant lots that aren't buildable be designated green space. Could this be a part of the urban agriculture plan?

The August 5, 2013, version of the by-laws which had been reviewed and revised at the last two meetings were unanimously approved by Commission.

The Commission members voted to use the name Saint Paul – Ramsey County Food Policy Council as a "brand name" in communications. The discussion focused on the need for a name that better conveys the nature of the work of the Commission. Lisa Jore, Pat Trotter, and Bernie Hesse volunteered to design a competition among high school students to design a logo. Colleen Schlieper, Linda Pope, and Lisa Jore will be a communications committee to work on the Facebook page and other ways to involve the community in the Council's work.

The SHIP 3 grant proposal is in the process of being written. The Commission would like to include a food access assessment and inventory of food system components for Ramsey County. They would also like support for community garden infrastructure and work on healthier food at concessions.

Discussion of potential City of Saint Paul members who could be encouraged to apply was postponed until the next meeting. Julie will get information on the application process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

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2013 MTG. DATES	MEETING DETAILS: 90 W. Plato Blvd., Saint Paul, 55107 , 5:30 – 7:30 pm
October 7, 2013	Star Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
November 4, 2013	Star Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
December 2, 2013	Plato Conference Center, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor