

**Food and Nutrition Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 5, 2015, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Ramsey County Plato Office Building**  
**90 W. Plato Blvd., Saint Paul, 55107**

Members attending: Bernie Hesse, Colleen Schlieper, Diane Dodge, Hua Vang, Metric Giles, Nadja Berneche, Pat Trotter, Rebecca Mino, Tracy Sides

Members absent: Helene Murray, JoAnn Tesar, Kentalé Morris

Others present: Barb Rose, Jaya Ginter, Julie Seiber

Members introduced themselves with some of their background for the new members who were welcomed to the group.

Updates included:

- Twin Cities Mobile Market launched in mid-December. See route and schedule information on the Wilder Foundation web site: <http://www.wilder.org/Programs-Services/tcmm/Pages/default.aspx>
- The group prefers to meet in a second floor conference room rather than the 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference center unless a large attendance is expected.
- The 10th Immigrant and Minority Farmers Conference will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 7 & 8, 2015 in St. Paul, MN. Registration is on-line at <http://goo.gl/yIMcFb>, or by calling Hli Xyooj at [612-227-9968](tel:612-227-9968). Registration closes January 17, 2014, but no farmers will be turned away. Interested farmers and community based organizations who have questions should contact Dolly Her at FLAG, at [651-223-5400](tel:651-223-5400) or email [imfc2015@gmail.com](mailto:imfc2015@gmail.com).
- Jaya and Julie reported on the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council annual open house which was held on Dec. 3 at Cedars Hall. Attendance was good and approximately 20 organizations hosted informational tables. Homegrown awards were presented to three people/organizations.

- Diane Dodge said that Michael Cheney called her about urban agriculture legislation that the Council on Black Minnesotans is working on requiring agricultural development zones in comprehensive plans.
- Land Stewardship is supporting legislation for community gardens.
- Tracy Sides said that Urban Oasis will launch an incubator kitchen at the Latino Economic Development Center in March. They have free kitchen skills classes for east side residents starting soon.
- Tracy will be part of a Food Sovereignty delegation visiting Cuba later in January and will report on the trip when she returns.
- Nadja reported that Samantha Henningson is organizing a meeting with city staff.

Nadja led the group in a planning process. Issues were identified and prioritized with the following identified for work at the next several meetings/months:

- Land use issues: comprehensive plans, HRA leases, tax forfeiture properties, soil testing on publically owned sites, agricultural land use at County-owned park properties
- Follow-up and reporting on progress on issues identified in the 2012 Report: Food System Recommendations which can be found on this web page:

[http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/NR/rdonlyres/FF344C71-0F59-41E3-A605-FE7348182CFA/28388/FNC\\_final\\_report\\_2012.pdf](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/NR/rdonlyres/FF344C71-0F59-41E3-A605-FE7348182CFA/28388/FNC_final_report_2012.pdf)

- Develop timeline of the FNC's work over the last 5 years.
- Seed libraries/seed sharing
- Pollinator task force recommendations for action
- Local roll-out of the Minnesota Food Charter

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

UPCOMING MTG. DATES	MEETING DETAILS: 90 W. Plato Blvd., Saint Paul, 55107 5:30 – 7:30 pm
February 2, 2015	Bluffs Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
March 2, 2015	Bluffs Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
April 6, 2015	Bluffs Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
May 4, 2015	Bluffs Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
June 1, 2015	Bluffs Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
July 6, 2015	Bluffs Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor