

**Food and Nutrition Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 1, 2015, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Members attending:** Colleen Schlieper, Diane Dodge, Hua Vang, Metric Giles, Nadja Berneche, Pam Tasker, Pat Trotter, Paul Ratté, Rebecca Mino

**Members absent:** Bernie Hesse, Boa Her, Kentalé Morris, and Tracy Sides

**Others present:** Ann Luke, Jaya Ginter, Jen Renner, Julie Seiber

Nadja welcomed the attendees who introduced themselves, welcoming Pam Tasker to her first meeting. Announcements and events included:

- Nadja asked members to consider becoming a co-chair with her.
- Consensus was reached to cancel the July meeting but to schedule an orientation meeting for the six newest members on a different day from 3:30 – 5:00. Julie will send out a poll to find a date that will work.
- Union of Concerned Scientists event, Food Justice, Science, and Democracy: A Community Forum, Sat., June 6, 1:00-4:30, Minneapolis Capri theater, 2027 W. Broadway Ave.
- Twin Cities Mobile Market celebration, Tues., June 9, 5:00 – 7:30 at Wilder Foundation
- Ober Peace Garden Celebration, Friday, June 19, 3-5 pm, Boys and Girls Club, Western and St. Anthony. FNC is asked to have a table.
- Metric mentioned the possibility to have a table at Rondo Days, July 18 and Rice Street Festival on July 23.
- Nadja announced that Gardening Matters is hosting a hands-on Leadership Training on June 27. It will focus on consensus-based leadership, facilitation and working with an equity framework. It is free to food hub members. Others will be charged \$25 to cover costs. See Gardening Matters web site for more information. <http://www.gardeningmatters.org/>
- Pat Trotter announced a book event at Trotter's Café on June 27 at 9:30 am, 232 N. Cleveland Ave, featuring Alan Guebert discussing his book, The Land of Milk and Uncle Honey, depicting the labor and simple pleasures to be found in farming.

Bernie Hess was unable to attend to give MN Legislative updates. He is still involved at the Legislature since the Agriculture Bill was vetoed and many of the food-related issues were contained in that bill. Nadja suggested that he send an update after the special session.

Tracy Sides was unable to be at the meeting to report on Placemaking Residency, May 11-15, Moving the Twin Cities to Better Health sponsored by the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation. Julie attended three of the events which focused on urban design as a way to reduce health inequities. See more information on the web sites below:

<http://www.riverfrontcorporation.com/viewpoint/seeking-better-health-through-a-rethinking-of-our-urban-landscape/>

Bios of the residents: <http://www.riverfrontcorporation.com/news-events-whats-new/4th-annual-placemaking-residency-2015/placemaking-residents/>

<http://www.minnpost.com/cityscape/2015/05/health-political-taking-aim-urban-design-and-inequity>

Nadja Berneche, Diane Dodge, Metric Giles & Julie Seiber reported on the Food Issue Network Meeting organized by the Healthy Food/Healthy Lives Institute at the University of MN with researchers and staff who would like to deepen and broaden connections to the food systems/policy work in the Metro area. Nadja talked with her break-out group about helping the Commission with evaluation. Diane had concerns that it is difficult to find experts at the UofM and that there isn't a clearinghouse for food and agriculture issues to find the appropriate person who might be helpful. Julie's group discussed the high interest among students about food and agriculture but many have little background. Are there ways that these undergraduate students can be involved at the community level?

Jaya Ginter attended planning meetings for US Food Day, October 24, 2015 with themes: "Food Day inspires Americans to change their diets *and* our food policies" "real food, just food" The planning group is still brainstorming. Jaya asked the FNC for their ideas. Responses included: educate people with a simple message; launch some program or event during the week; use Ted Talks or videos from the Union of Concerned Scientists.

The group began discussions about ways to suggest food access inclusion in Saint Paul and Ramsey County as part of Comprehensive Plans due to the Metropolitan Council in 2018 using guidance from the Minnesota Food Charter and the recommendations from the Food and Nutrition Commission accepted by the City Council and County Board in 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

<b>2015 MTG. DATES</b>	<b>MEETING DETAILS: 90 W. Plato Blvd., Saint Paul, 551075:30 - 7:30 pm</b>
July 6, 2015	CANCELLED
August 3, 2015	
September 14, 2015	(one week later due to Labor Day holiday)