

Food and Nutrition Commission Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2013, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Ramsey County Plato Office Building

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

Others attendees: Julie Seiber, Ben Johnson, Kelsea Dombrowski, Anne Hunt

Welcome and Introductions (Nadja Berneche/Linda Pope)

Updates from members and around the community (all)

- Hmong American Farmers Association (HAFA) mobile market update. HAFA cooperative is developing 10 week farmers' market on wheels to deliver produce to 6 PHA housing sites beginning July 10th.
- Minnesota Legislative updates (Bernie Hesse)
A bill is being considered for urban and rural agriculture grants for new farmers; the increase in minimum wage doesn't include agriculture workers; there is a jobs and training bill but it doesn't include green jobs or local food jobs.
- A Healthier Concessions workshop will be held on May 21, 22 sponsored by SHIP and Saint Paul Parks and Recreation as a part of Kelsea's program of work this year.
- Dakota County, Homegrown South, has requested a meeting about joint priorities on May 16
- Follow-up on letter to HRA. Need update?
- Follow up on zoning update by the Planning Commission. Need name of contact person at PED.
- Local Food Resource Hubs—Plant distribution May 18. Gordon Parks High School, 9:30am – 12:30pm.
- Food Access Summit- August 13-15, Duluth DECC

Proposed by-laws were reviewed by Linda Pope and comments/discussion will be included for the next draft. Helene will send Linda some language.

FNC Communications update (Linda Pope, Lisa Jore, and/or Kelsea Dombrowski). The group is looking for help with branding/naming. A Facebook page is launched. Members were asked to friend it and ask others to do so. Postings to the Facebook page could include a calendar, accomplishments of the FNC, and information about how to be involved.

See the page here: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/St-Paul-Ramsey-County-Food-and-Nutrition-Commission/169995346483282?fref=ts>

Suggestions and discussion included contacting district councils, city planning, legislature, zoning, and brainstorming events/awards/opportunities to spread FNC message.

Julie reviewed a Food System presentation by Angie Tagtow at Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics meeting. Angie was a founder of the food policy council in Iowa and is currently an endowed fellow at Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture at the University of Minnesota.

Task Force updates

The Food Access and Literacy task force met:

Discussions included people not knowing where to go for food support. One idea was to look into including information about food assistance in the water or electric bill. Could information be included in lay-off packages given to employees at their exit?

Neighborhood Development Corporations and District Councils could promote food access and find and promote community kitchens where people could preserve food (freeze, can or dry).

Community Engagement via Minnesota Food Charter input sessions

Days/time to schedule sessions:

Tuesday night: Shoreview (Lisa/Bernie to facilitate)

Thursday night: Halley Brown Center (Nadja, Pat, Kelsea can help coordinate/facilitate)

Wednesday AM: Roseville/Maplewood (Colleen, Ben, Julie can help coordinate/facilitate) Perhaps include the Roseville senior program

Suggestions for invitations included everyone's network + African American Churches partnering with SHIP; FLAG; members of the Ramsey Healthy Meals Coalition; all of those who participated in the task forces.

Several members said they had completed the Healthy Ramsey survey and would like to see the report when completed.

Discussed inviting Leah Driscoll next month to present the Twin Cities Mobile Market project.

Adjourned at 7:30.

2013 MTG. DATES	MEETING DETAILS: 90 W. Plato Blvd., Saint Paul, 55107 , 5:30 – 7:30 pm
June 3, 2013	Plato Conference Center, 1 st Floor
July 1, 2013	Plato Conference Center, 1 st Floor
August 5, 2013	Plato Conference Center, 1 st Floor
September 9, 2013	Plato Conference Center, 1 st Floor
October 7, 2013	Star Room, 2 nd Floor
November 4, 2013	Star Room, 2 nd Floor
December 2, 2013	Plato Conference Center, 1 st Floor