

**Food and Nutrition Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 6th, 2017
Hamlin Midway Library 1588 W Minnehaha Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104**

The purpose of the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Food and Nutrition Commission is to provide long-range planning and associated recommendations for policy, systems and environmental change at neighborhood, city and county levels with the aim of increasing access to healthy food.

Members Present/Representation

Nadja Berneche | County District 5 (Co-Chair)
 Karen Fangman | County District 1 (Co-Chair)
 Diane Dodge | County District 4
 Shoua Salas | County District 6
 Rebecca Mino | City of St. Paul
 Terese Hill | City of St. Paul
 Metric Giles | City of St. Paul
 Amanda Karls | City of St. Paul
 Mitchell Armstrong | County District 7
 Carl Johnson | County District 4

SPRCPH Staff:

Carissa Glatt | SHIP Grant Coordinator (Staff Liaison)
 William Moore | Health Educator
 Kelly Olzenak | Intern
 Joceyln Ancheta | Planning Specialist

Guests:

Evalyn Carbrey | UMN Extension
 Donald Warneke | UMN Extension
 Heather Peterson | Allina Health
 Molly Lunaric | St. Paul Animal Control
 Patti Whitney-Wise | Hunger Solutions
 Jessica Coborn | Community Member
 Barb Rose | WSFM/GWS
 Gigi Yau | Community Member
 Filsan Ibrahim | TCMM
 Valentine Cadieux | Hamline University & TC Community Land Trust

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

Agenda Item:	Speaker/Discussion:
General Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitchel Armstrong was introduced and welcome as a new committee member. • The City of St. Paul asked for input from the FNC regarding climate change in order to include food and health in their new strategies. Nadja Berneche and Terese Hill volunteered to contribute to a committee to review strategies.
Chicken Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly Lunaric from St. Paul Animal Control and Amanda Karls updated the group on the proposed changes happening to the Chicken Ordinance in St. Paul. Voting takes place on Wednesday, November 8th. The voting was initially supposed to happen on 11/1/17, but was moved to 11/8 to allow input from the FNC. In the past year, there has only been 1 complaint regarding a regulated chicken coup. • Current laws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ordinance currently allows St. Paul residents to apply for permits to have 2 or fewer, or more than 3 chickens at their homes. - The ordinance requires residents to get permission from 75% of their neighbors within 150 ft. of their house. - Having roosters is strictly prohibited. - Home slaughter of chickens is currently legal in St. Paul. - Permit Prices: \$26 for 2 or fewer birds (\$15 annual renewal fee), and \$76 for 3+ birds (\$26 annual renewal fee). With renewals, the resident must also submit a site plan. • Proposed Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cap the number of birds a resident can have at 15 total.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a resident has fewer than 6 birds, rather than getting approval from 75% of neighbors, they only must give notice. - If the resident has more than 7 birds, approval from neighbors is still needed. • Thoughts from the FNC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carl Johnson: Is there a registered compost site? The ordinance requires 20 feet from a building, but that is rather close. - Metric Giles: There is a lack of public awareness and education. There needs to be intentionality to have awareness and education for the public. Other ethnicities must be included in the process. - General thoughts: Why is the application not in different languages? St. Paul Animal Control does have translation services if necessary. • How the FNC will respond: FNC responds affirmatively with some friendly amendments. They would like educational materials provided to the public that are culturally appropriate, as well as improved translation services for the application. Educational materials should be available for everyone, whether you have a neighbor who is going to keep chickens, or whether you will keep chickens yourself. • How to keep chickens warm in the winter was also discussed and could be included in a potential future provided to residents by the St. Paul Animal Control.
Community Listening Session Presentation and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation was done by Kelly Olzenak, an intern, regarding the results from the Community Listening Session that took place on October 2nd, 2017. • There were many thoughts regarding the results, and it was decided that further discussion is necessary before any decisions can be made on how to distribute the results back to the community, and where to go next. Further discussion will take place during the executive meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 4 PM. • 2-3 FNC members are requested to join into a small work group with Metric Giles, regarding bringing the information back to the community and having the community validate that their thoughts and opinions were heard correctly. Patti Whitney-Wise and Barb Rose will work with Metric's group.
Updates and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other areas to discuss Community Listening session results and share data: MFAN and the Second Annual Greens Cook-off (December 2nd, 2017). • 2-3 FNC members are requested to review the bylaws and make suggestions for improvements and updates. (Didn't get brought up at meeting due to time, but was on agenda for the evening).
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNC will send email with stance on Chicken Ordinance (approval with some friendly amendments) • Rebecca Mino will go in person on Wednesday (11/8) at 3:30 to share the FNC's stance • More discussion will take place during the executive meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 4 PM, regarding next steps for the Community Listening Session and sharing the results • Share raw data and PowerPoint with Community Listening Session results.

Minutes taken by: Kelly Olzenak

Motion to adjourn (7:31 p.m.) passed by affirmation of the committee.

Next meeting:

General Meeting - December 4th, 2017 at Wilder

- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation - 451 Lexington Parkway North, Saint Paul, MN 55104