

**Food and Nutrition Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, Oct. 6, 2014**  
**Ramsey County Plato Office Building**  
**90 W. Plato Blvd., Saint Paul, 55107**

Members attending: Bernie Hesse, Diane Dodge, Metric Giles, Nadja Berneche, Pat Trotter

Members absent: Colleen Schlieper, Helene Murray, JoAnn Tesar, Kentalé Morris

Others present: Hua Vang, Leah Driscoll, Ann Luke, Tracy Sides, Carissa Glatt, Jaya Ginter, Julie Seiber

Nadja Berneche welcome the attendees and each gave their own introduction.

Announcements and upcoming events included:

Diane and Julie reported on Create, The Community Meal, September 14, which was well-attended and quite successful. The table hosts collected commitments from the attendees to work on food access. Leah Driscoll discussed issues that Youth Farm and Saint Paul Arts are working through about licensing to be able to use the mobile kitchen designed for the Community Meal for school year events. They are looking for a licensed commissary/commercial kitchen in the Frogtown area to be a home for the mobile kitchen.

Julie announced that the registration fee can be paid for members of the Commission for the October 29-30, Food Access Summit 2014: Organize for Equity, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center.

Diane requested to go as a member of the Commission.

Leah updated the group on the progress of the Twin Cities Mobile Market launch. The bus is wrapped and outfitting is almost complete. Sixteen stops are identified, 3 are at Public Housing sites. No stops are being allowed at Saint Paul Parks and Recreation sites. Staff has been hired. The Mobile Market has an inspection scheduled by the Department of Agriculture which is needed before the SNAP application can be certified. Leah is serving on the Minnesota Food Code Revision Council which will have a draft by January. She would like to hear about concerns people have with the current Food Code.

Pat Trotter announced that Trotter's Café is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with special events in October following some remodeling.

Pat shared a brochure "Simple Steps to Help Bees," which will accompany the minutes.

Julie provided a copy of the project request for CHI/U of M student consulting project which has been approved by the University. Two students will complete the database information on urban agriculture ordinances in the suburban municipalities and design a survey to determine how the ordinances are working for the residents.

Bernie presented a draft of the Just Food Voter's Guide which he and Helene will finalize this week. The members liked the draft and discussed plan for dissemination. Networks of the attendees included: League of Women Voters, Minnesota Farmers' Union, political reporters, NAACP, Midway YMCA, church networks, Hunger Solutions, AFLCIO and FCWU, Land Stewardship Project, Gardening Matters, Urban Oasis, Jewish Women's Council, Junior League of Saint Paul, Farmers Legal Action Group, Immigrant Farmers' Conference and others.

The discussion of what food equity means and what factors are involved was tabled until a future meeting since several members were unable to attend. Recommended reading includes "Racial Equity in the Food System" <http://www.centerforsocialinclusion.org/building-the-case-for-racial-equity-in-the-food-system/>

and an article from the Sept. 6 Star Tribune, "Eating habits improved in U.S., except among poor."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

UPCOMING MTG. DATES	MEETING DETAILS: 90 W. Plato Blvd., Saint Paul, 55107 5:30 – 7:30 pm
November 3, 2014	Star Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
December 1, 2014	Star Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
January 5, 2015	
February 2, 2015	