



Homegrown Minneapolis

Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

5:30-7:30 pm meeting

EMERGE Career & Technology Center (ECTC)

1834 Emerson Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN

5:00-5:25 pm Pre-meeting presentation

Draft Agenda

- 5:30 pm 1) Introduction of Guests, approval of the agenda and the December meeting minutes (Attachment 1)
- 5:35 pm 2) Selection of Food Council Representative to MPRB Urban Agriculture Activity Plan Implementation Team (Tamara Downs Schwei)
- 5:45 pm 3) Discussion and Approval: Food Council policy regarding requests for letters of support for grant proposals (Attachment 2)
- 5:55 pm 4) Finalize Executive Committee approval of press release regarding support for legislation amending MN Seed Law (Attachment 3)
- 6:00 pm 4) Legislative updates:
- MN Cottage Food Laws (Katie Lampi)
 - MN Seed Law (Russ Henry, Tamara Downs Schwei)
 - Urban Agriculture Funding (Russ Henry, Tamara Downs Schwei, Robin Garwood)
 - SHIP (State Health Improvement Program) (Patty Bowler)
- 6:10 pm 5) Presentation: Cuba Delegation (Robin Garwood, Beth Dooley)
- 6:25 pm 6) Working group sessions: Community Outreach & Engagement; Hubs
- 7:15 pm 7) Working group & task force updates:
- Land access
 - Community Outreach and engagement
 - Organics
 - Animals
 - Hubs/Aggregation
- 7:25 pm 8) Food Council Member and Guest updates and Future Agenda items
- 7:30 pm 9) Meeting Adjourns

Next Food Council Meeting:

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 pm at UROC, 2001 Plymouth Avenue N



About Homegrown Minneapolis and the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council

Homegrown Minneapolis is a citywide initiative expanding our community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods.

Homegrown Minneapolis brings together key partners from local government, area businesses, community organizations, non-profits, and residents to build a healthy, local food system.

The Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council envisions a vibrant local food system that enhances the health of all residents, protects the earth, increases economic vitality, expands social connectedness, and improves food security. To continue to advance Homegrown Minneapolis, the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council works to support all Minneapolis residents and increase access to quality food, address hunger and food insecurity, connect sectors of the food system, influence policy and decision making, and ensure an environmentally sustainable and socially just food system. To accomplish this, the food council:

1. fosters City-community partnerships;
2. convenes and engages diverse stakeholders to identify and propose innovative solutions to improve the local food system;
3. provides ongoing guidance to the City on local food issues; and
4. serves as a platform for collaborative, coordinated action.

For more information, visit

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/homegrown>