



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes

Wednesday, January 10

5:30-8:00 pm Food Council meeting

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Headquarters, Board Room

2117 West River Road, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance: Suado Abdi, Alyssa Banks, Winston Bell, Dana Boyer, Deb Brister, Martin Brown, Council Member Phillipe Cunningham, Caroline Devany, Beth Dooley, Jaime Harris, Ellen Kennedy, Kristen Klingler, Amy Maas, DeVon Nolen, Rachelle Pass, Tasha Powell, Heidi Ritchie, Kate Seybold, Mary Vorndran, Jason Walker, Sophie Wallerstedt, Zainab Youngmark

Members Absent: Christina White, Mai Yang

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei (Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Coordinator), Samantha Pree-Stinson (Sr. Aide to CM Cunningham), Donald Warneke, Karl Hakanson, Philip Binns, Narin Sihavong, Emily Minge, Hannah Ramer, Filsan Ibrahim, Sara Jane Van Allen, Chris Meyer, Hannah Lagoon, Tricia Nelson

1) Welcome, Meeting Overview, Approve Agenda

Co-Chair Tasha Powell called the meeting to order at 5:30.

a. *Overview of Meeting and Food Council Orientation, Training & Planning*

Tasha Powell and Tamara Downs Schwei provided a brief overview of the plan for the meeting and the first few months of the Food Council term, to provide orientation and planning time for the Food Council to understand its charge and history and plan its priorities, along with any non-members interested in participating and/or helping lead planned work.

b. *Overview: Purpose of Food Council*

Tamara reviewed the vision and mission of the Food Council with the group.

c. *Oath of Office*

Christian Rummelhoff, City Clerk's Office, led the Food Council members in reading and signing their oath of office.

2) Opening Circle and Introductions (Laura LaCroix Dalluhn, Facilitator)

Tasha introduced Laura LaCroix Dalluhn, Facilitator, who along with her colleague Etonde Awaah is supporting the planning for the new Food Council cohort. Laura instructed the Food Council members and guests to form a circle and to each share a statement about what brought them to the Food Council.

3) Presentation: Food Council Overview (Tasha Powell, DeVon Nolen, Tamara Downs Schwei, Heidi Ritchie, Council Member Cunningham, Ellen Kennedy, Kate Seybold)

Presentation and discussion occurred regarding the roles, opportunities and constraints of City policymakers and staff, MPS and MPRB and community members with the Food Council. The group also discussed purpose, expectations, bylaws, time commitment, structure and examples of previous working groups that have activated food policy changes.



4) Break

The meeting briefly paused for a quick break.

5) Discussion: Group Norms and Decision Making Process (Laura LaCroix Dalluhn)

Laura provided an overview of a decision making process that the group can elect to use and the intended purpose of the collectively generated group norms. She reviewed the group's previous group norms from the last Food Council term and led the group in a discussion to generate its own list of norms, including any norms they'd like to carry over from the last term. The norms will be adopted and used at future meetings.

6) Food Council Business (Tasha Powell, Tamara Downs Schwei)

a. Vote: Approve December 2018 Food Council Meeting Minutes

The December Food Council meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

b. Vote: Approve 2018 Food Council Meeting Calendar

The Food Council approved a 2018 meeting schedule with meetings occurring on the second Wednesday evening of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm, with the exceptions of February 21 and June 20. The February meeting will include an additional half hour to end at 8 pm in order to accommodate orientation time for the new Food Council.

c. Vote: Sign onto Farm Bill letter

The Food Council discussed the federal Farm Bill and timing of it slated for review and adoption this year. A local coalition of hunger relief and farming organizations is working together to raise community awareness about the Farm Bill and send a message to the Minnesota Congressional delegation regarding priorities and concerns for Minnesota. Tamara shared a letter to the MN Congressional delegation regarding the Farm Bill with the Food Council, which the coalition is seeking organizations to sign onto. After brief discussion, the Food Council voted unanimously to approve signing onto the letter, with one amendment to update the addressees with Senator Tina Smith in place of Senator Franken.

d. Overview: Food Policy Event

Tamara provided a very brief overview of the Food Council's proposed policy priority event, tentatively scheduled April 18 and next planning meeting on Jan. 23.

e. Overview: Orientation Manual

Tamara provided a quick overview of key information contained in the orientation manual that was distributed to all members, including the Food Council bylaws. An additional section of information will be distributed at the February meeting. Members were instructed to review their manuals in between meetings and bring to meetings.

f. Overview: City of Minneapolis Ethics for Boards and Commissions and Video

Tamara shared that all members are required to view a City ethics video every four years, which she will send as an email link to the group from the City Clerk's office.

g. Overview: Co-Chair and Executive Committee Recruitment and February Vote

Tamara shared that in addition to the Mayorally-appointed Co-Chair Tasha Powell, the Food Council will



elect a Co-Chair and three Executive Committee members who will meet and work with Tamara each month to plan the Food Council agendas and provide leadership for the group. The vote for these positions will occur at the February meeting and interested members should provide a statement of interest to Tamara to share with the group.

7) Closing Circle

Food Council members and guests shared their reflections about the first meeting.

8) Meeting adjourns (Tasha Powell)

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Next Food Council Meeting:

Wednesday, February 21, 2017

Eastside Food Co-op Community Room, 2551 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis

Meeting from 5:30 – 8:00pm, pre-meeting presentation at 5:00 pm