



## **Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

*5:00-5:30 pm pre-meeting presentation from Eastside Food Co-op staff and board*

5:30-8:00 pm Food Council meeting

Eastside Food Co-op Community Room

2551 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis

**Members in Attendance:** Alyssa Banks, Amy Maas, Beth Dooley, Caroline Devany, Deb Brister, DeVon Nolen, Jaime Harris, Jason Walker, Kate Seybold, Tasha Powell, Mai Yang, Martin Brown, Patty Bowler (for Kristen Klingler), Sophie Wallerstedt, Suado Abdi, Zainab Youngmark

**Members Absent:** Christina White, Dana Boyer, Ellen Kennedy, Heidi Ritchie, Kristen Klingler, Mary Vorndran, Council Member Cunningham, Rachele Pass, Winston Bell

**Others in Attendance:** Tamara Downs Schwei (Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Coordinator), Claire Baglien (Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Program Aide), Laura LaCroix Dalluhn (Facilitator), Etonde Awaah (Facilitator), Donald Warneke, Philip Binns, Emily Minge, Hannah Ramer, Filsan Ibrahim, Sara Jane Van Allen, Hannah Lagoon, Faru Jones, Diane Beck, Kellie Kish, Rachel Kosse, Ally de Alcuaz, Cedar Schimke

### **1) Welcome and Opening Circle (Tasha Powell, Food Council Co-Chair and Laura LaCroix Dalluhn and Etonde Awaah, Facilitators)**

Co-Chair Tasha Powell called the meeting to order at 5:30. Food Council and community members introduced themselves and shared their areas of interest and/or concern within the food system.

### **2) Food Council Business (Tasha Powell, Food Council Co-Chair and Tamara Downs Schwei, Food Policy/Homegrown Minneapolis Coordinator)**

#### *a. Vote: Approve January 2018 Food Council Meeting Minutes and February Agenda*

Zainab Youngmark moved to approve the January Food Council meeting minutes and February agenda, Jason Walker seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

#### *b. Brief Statements and Vote: Co-Chair and Executive Committee positions*

Tamara gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the open Co-Chair and Executive Committee positions. Jason motioned to vote for all open seats by show of hands. Zainab seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. DeVon Nolen shared her statement for Co-Chair position. By a show of hands, DeVon was approved as Co-Chair. Beth Dooley and Kate Seybold shared their statements for the open Executive Committee positions. DeVon Nolen shared on behalf of her conversation with Winston Bell, who was absent and interested in the third Executive Committee position. By a show of hands, Beth, Kate, and Winston were voted into open Executive Committee seats. Tamara mentioned that the Executive Committee meetings are open to the other Food Council members and monthly agendas are sent to the full Food Council.

#### *c. Overview: Orientation Manual Part 2*

Tamara distributed and shared brief overviews of Sections 3 and 4 of the Food Council Orientation



Manual, the Urban Agriculture Policy Plan and guidelines regarding use of Friends of the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Facebook page. Tamara encouraged everyone to 'Like' the page.

*d. Overview and Discussion: Food Policy Priority Event Goals + Roles*

Tamara gave an update on the Food Council's proposed spring food policy priority event. Due to various factors, including a schedule conflict with a Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board (MPRB) meeting on the same evening and the need for more Food Council meetings to determine focus, the previously proposed date of April 18th will be moved to a later date in May. Because this event is put on by the Food Council, Tamara highlighted the importance of members taking both ownership and leadership for event-related responsibilities and expressing collective buy in the previously developed goals. She polled the members present and everyone agreed to proceed forward as proposed. The group discussed whether to focus on both City and Parks policy for this spring's event and agreed to keep the focus on City policy, while attempting to accommodate participation of MPRB representatives with event scheduling.

*e. Overview: Next 2-3 months of planning and next steps*

Calendars will be sent out soon with final Food Council and Executive Committee meeting schedules. The Food Council will spend the next couple of months determining their work plan for the term.

**3) Discussion: Promoting the Food Council Mission and Vision; Review past/current workgroups and task forces (Laura LaCroix Dalluhn and Etonde Awaah, Facilitators, DeVon Nolen)**

Laura and Etonde led the group in reviewing the previous term's working groups and task forces to share recent/current work and find potential points of alignment with the current Food Council's priorities. Food Council veteran members and staff briefly provided key points from the previous term's working groups and task forces.

**4) Discussion and Activity: Food Council 2018-19 Priorities (Laura LaCroix Dalluhn, Etonde Awaah, all)**

Laura introduced 'Open Space Technology.' The Food Council used the Open Space process to guide everyone to generate, prioritize and focus on developing 2018-2019 Food Council goals and related working groups and task forces. Everyone broke into groups to explore food policy focus areas and leadership opportunities based on their interests.

**5) Closing Circle (Laura LaCroix Dalluhn, Tasha Powell, all)**

Everyone shared one thing they would take away from this discussion.

**6) Announcements (All)**

Reminder: Food Council members need to view City of Minneapolis Ethics for Boards and Commissions video and complete the oath of office if they haven't already.

**7) Meeting adjourns (Tasha Powell)**

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

**Next Food Council Meeting:** March 14, 2018, 5:30-7:30 pm, Minneapolis Public Schools Culinary and Wellness Center, Classroom A, 812 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis