



Homegrown Minneapolis Draft Food Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

5:00-6:00 pm cook dinner together at Kindred Kitchen

6:00-7:30 pm Food Council meeting at Breaking Bread Cafe

Kindred Kitchen and Breaking Bread Cafe, 1210 West Broadway Ave, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance: Alyssa Banks, Amy Maas, Beth Dooley, DeVon Nolen, Kate Seybold, Kristen Klingler, Mary Vorndran, Council Member Phillippe Cunningham, Rachelle Pass, Rogue Farmer, Sophie Wallerstedt, Tasha Powell

Members Absent: Caroline Devany, Dana Boyer, Deb Brister, Ellen Kennedy, Heidi Ritchie, Jaime Harris, Jason Walker, Mai Yang, Suado Abdi, Zainab Youngmark

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei (Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Coordinator), Claire Baglien (Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Program Aide), Samantha Pree-Stinson, Filsan Ibrahim, Hannah Ramer, Emily Minge, Malik White, Nacory Holiday, Marquon Vance, Aaliah Demry, Savannah McCullough, Donald Warneke

Food Council members prepared a meal together in Kindred Kitchen and Breaking Bread before the meeting.

1) Welcome and Community Cooks conversation

Tasha Powell called the meeting to order. Youth Mentors & Youth Educators introduced themselves and told everyone how they started working at Breaking Bread Café and with Appetite for Change.

2) Vote: Approve April 2018 Food Council Meeting Minutes and May Agenda

Sophie Wallerstedt moved to approve the April Food Council meeting minutes and May agenda. Kate Seybold seconded and both were approved unanimously.

3) Overview: Minneapolis Public Schools Urban Farm Dot Survey and Planning Process

Kate gave an overview of the MPS Urban Farm Feasibility Study and asked Food Council members and community representatives to participate in the dot survey, which will be used to provide input during the feasibility study.

4) Updates, Discussion and Sign-up sheet: Food Council Policy Forum on May 23

Tamara Downs Schwei distributed event flyers and encouraged everyone to invite their networks. She shared that a few Food Council members will be speaking on the panels to discuss food policy priorities. Claire Baglien passed around the volunteer sign-up sheet for volunteer roles at the event.

5) Discussion and Vote: Group Norms and Food Council Training and Capacity Building

Tasha asked for any additional feedback on the group norms, and there was none. Council Member Cunningham moved to approve the group norms, Amy Maas seconded and they were approved unanimously. Both DeVon and Tamara reminded everyone that Food Council leadership is open to suggestions if there are topic areas, professional development opportunities, trainings, etc. that people would like to see made available or shared with members.



6) Updates: Food Council 2018-19 Priorities

Kate asked each working group and task force to share a brief update.

a. *Updates from priority topic areas leaders*

Working group/task force leaders or members provided updates of what they were focused on.

b. *Questions and next steps*

DeVon reminded people that we could build more work time into future Food Council meetings so working groups and task forces have more time to work together. Tamara added that she will share the current list of who is potentially part of each group with everyone before the next meeting.

7) Updates and Announcements (Tasha Powell, all)

- Beth announced that the Hmong American Farmers Association is looking for volunteers to help pack their CSA boxes at the farm on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30 pm.
- Kate announced that the MPS Junior Iron Chef Competition is tomorrow night at the Solar Arts Building, with the winning junior chef recipe being added to the school lunch menu.
- Alyssa announced that the Minnesota Food Funders Network recently commissioned a study to assess the landscape of funding for food systems work in the state of Minnesota. The study should be released sometime in the next couple of weeks, and there will be a free webinar for anyone who is interested in learning more.
- Alyssa also announced that the Urban Food Systems Symposium is August 8th-11th at the University of Minnesota, featuring many local organizations and Food Council members and partners.
- Tamara announced that anyone who has not done the ethics training needs to complete it as soon as possible. The training is required as a member of the Food Council.
- Tasha invited everyone to participate in one of Breaking Bread Café's Community Cooks events, and reminded people that the West Broadway Farmers Market opens in early June.
- Rogue announced that the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Urban Agriculture Implementation Team is meeting next Thursday, May 17th. All meetings are open to the public.
- Tamara announced that Community Environmental Advisory Committee is planning to dedicate their June meeting to discussion on the City's comprehensive plan.
- Claire announced that there is a Unity Iftar Block Party on May 18th at Gandhi Mahal.

8) Closing Circle

9) Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Food Council Meeting: Wednesday, June 20, 2018; 5:00-5:30 pm pre-meeting presentation; 5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting; Land Stewardship Project, 821 E 35th Street, Minneapolis