



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

5:00-5:30 pm pre-meeting presentation from FOOD BUILDING

5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting

FOOD BUILDING

1401 Marshall St NE, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance: Alyssa Banks, Amy Maas, Beth Dooley, Dana Boyer, DeVon Nolen, Jaime Harris, Jason Walker, Kate Seybold, Kristen Klingler, Mary Vorndran, Rachelle Pass, Sophie Wallerstedt, Suado Abdi, Tasha Powell

Members Absent: Caroline Devany, Deb Brister, Ellen Kennedy, Heidi Ritchie, Mai Yang, Council Member Phillipe Cunningham, Rogue Farmer, Zainab Youngmark

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei (Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Coordinator), Claire Baglien (Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Program Aide), Catherine Campion, Jake Wilkinson, Ben Rengstorf, Hannah Ramer, Karen Javurek, Sara Jane Van Allen, Filsan Ibrahim, Rachel Kosse, Hannah Volkman, Emily Minge, Karl Hakanson, Tiana Cervantes

1) Welcome and Opening Circle (Tasha Powell, all)

Tasha Powell called the meeting to order.

2) Food Council Business

Vote: Approve June 2018 Food Council Meeting Minutes and July Agenda (Attachment 1) (Tasha Powell)

DeVon Nolen moved to approve the June Food Council meeting minutes and July agenda. Kate Seybold seconded and both were approved unanimously.

3) Presentation and Discussion: Pollinator-friendly City efforts and opportunities (Sebastiana Cervantes, Minneapolis Health Department)

Sebastiana (Tiana) Cervantes provided background on her role at the City of Minneapolis as an Environmental Health Inspector and her work on initiatives to make Minneapolis a more pollinator-friendly city. In the last 24 months, the Conservation of Minneapolis Bees (COMB) program has installed 305 trees, distributed 8,442 native perennial pollinator-friendly plants, distributed over 10,000 seedles, and reached over 98,000 people about pollinators. In the future, Tiana hopes to focus more on interdepartmental work at the City, continue efforts to reduce the use of pesticides and neonicotinoids, and find places to install more pollinator habitat (i.e. balconies for bees).

4) Working Session: Food Council Working Groups and Task Forces review Minneapolis 2040 draft comprehensive plan food-related policies and actions

a) Overview

Tamara Downs Schwei provided brief background on the Minneapolis 2040 draft comp plan and explained the Executive Committee's proposed approach for reviewing food-related policies within



Minneapolis 2040 during the Food Council meeting. Working groups and task forces groups were assigned with reviewing specific policies and action steps in Minneapolis 2040. Before breaking into groups, Suado Abdi gave more background on Minneapolis 2040 and how it will influence decisions.

Public comments must be submitted before the end of the comment period on July 22nd, 2018. In anticipation of that deadline, the Executive Committee scheduled a special follow up meeting to discuss any recommendations that come out of the working group session, and the meeting was open to anyone interested in helping to compile the Food Council's recommendations on Minneapolis 2040, which would be accompanied by a letter to the Mayor, City Council and Planning staff leadership and approved by email by a quorum of Food Council members.

b) Discussion in small groups by policy area

Food Council members and community representatives broke out into small groups to analyze and come up with any necessary recommendations on specific policies and action steps related to food in Minneapolis 2040.

c) Report back to large group

Members of each group shared summaries and highlights of their recommendations, which were then collected to be discussed at the special meeting the following week.

5) Updates and Announcements (Tasha Powell, all)

- Suado announced that the Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights is hosting an event called “Doing Business with the City of Minneapolis” on July 26th at Gandhi Mahal Restaurant.
- DeVon Nolen announced that the West Broadway Farmers Market is open on Fridays from 3-7 pm.
- Alyssa Banks shared that the 2018 Hunger Free Communities Summit, happening in October, is looking for sponsors.
- Karl Hakanson mentioned the upcoming Urban Food Systems Symposium, coming up August 8-11.
- A Food Council member announced the upcoming Open Streets event called Open Feasts, a community meal prepared with recovered food. Volunteers are needed to help with food prep.

6) Closing Circle (Tasha Powell, all)

7) Meeting adjourns

DeVon moved to adjourn the meeting. Kate seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Food Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 8, 2018

5:00-5:30 pm pre-meeting discussion with Sustainable Farming Association

5:30-7:30 pm meeting; Rainbow Chinese Restaurant, 2739 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis



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 www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/homegrown

Robert's Rules of Order

The Food Council utilizes Robert's Rules of Order to provide standard rules and procedures that will allow the Food Council to facilitate meetings, discussions and group decision-making. Some basic elements:

I. *Motion*

- **Use:** To **introduce** a new piece of business or propose a decision or action
- **Language:**
 - 1st motion – "I move to/that..."
 - 2nd motion – "I second it."
 - Group votes on motion – "All in favor of adopting the motion to ... say *Aye*. Those opposed, say *No*."
 - Co-chair announces result of the vote – e.g. "The motion passes (fails)..."
- **Example(s):**
 - Approval of meeting minutes
 - Postpone consideration of a matter
 - Study/research an issue further

II. *Amend*

- **Use:** To **change** a motion under consideration
- **Language:**



- 1st member - “I move to amend the motion ...”
- 2nd motion – “I second the amendment.”
- Group votes to decide whether the amendment is accepted – “All in favor of adoption the amendment say *Aye*. Those opposed, say *No*.”
- Example:
 - Amend a motion
 - Amend language in a Resolution Statement or Letter of Support