



## Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 5:30-7:30 pm  
University Research and Outreach Center, 2001 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis

**Members Present:** (Quorum met) Alyssa Banks, Amy Maas, Andrea Eger, Beth Dooley, DeVon Nolen, Emily Minge, Heidi Ritchie, Jaime Harris, Jason Walker, Council Member Jeremy Schroeder, Kate Seybold, Kim Havey, Kristen Klingler, Mai Yang, Mary Vorndran, Rachelle Pass, Sophie Wallerstedt, Suado Abdi, Tasha Powell, Teresa Opheim, Tsega Tamene

**Members Absent:** Dana Boyer, Deb Brister, MPRB Representative, Zainab Youngmark

**Others in Attendance:** Robin Garwood, Kellie Kish, Karl Hakanson, Sara Jane Van Allen, Karen Javurek, Heather Cusick, Ben Rengstorf, Lucas Morton, Corey Kline, Tim Wilson, Keith Williams

**Staff:** Tamara Downs Schwei, Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Coordinator

### 1) Call to Order: Welcome and Opening Circle

Food Council members and community members introduced themselves.

### 2) Adoption of the Agenda and Acceptance of Minutes of December 12, 2018 Food Council meeting

Agenda and minutes were unanimously approved.

### 3) Presentation, Discussion: Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance

Kellie Kish and Robin Garwood shared some details regarding a potential new proposed Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance, as well as updates regarding conversation at the state legislature regarding potential bag-related legislation. Discussion occurred, generally supportive. Heidi Ritchie asked that the specific ordinance language be shared before the Food Council votes to support a potential City of Minneapolis Bring Your Own Bag ordinance. Kellie and Robin agreed to return with proposed language and updates when the timing makes sense, potentially in March or April.

### 4) Update: 2019 Food Council Executive Committee & Co-Chair Election in February

Tamara Downs Schwei shared that the annual election for the three elected Executive Committee positions and the one elected Co-Chair role will occur at the February Food Council meeting. Tasha Powell is in a two-year Mayorally-appointed Co-Chair role and DeVon Nolen was elected Co-Chair by the Food Council after previously serving in the Mayorally appointed role. Suado Abdi, Beth Dooley and Kate Seybold are the current elected Executive Committee members. Tamara Downs Schwei participates in the Executive Committee as staff. All of the members serving in current roles are interested in re-election. Tamara requested that any other members interested in vying for one of the roles should notify her prior to the February meeting, and that she would send a reminder via email.

### 5) Approval: 2019 Food Council Meeting Calendar

Tamara Downs Schwei shared the proposed 2019 Food Council meeting schedule, with meetings scheduled on the second Wednesday evening of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm in rotating community locations. Optional pre-meeting presentations would continue to occur between 5:00-5:30 pm prior to each month's meeting. Tamara pointed out that October 9 will be Yom Kippur and asked if the group



would like to change the October meeting date to October 2 or 16. DeVon Nolen moved to approve the 2019 meeting schedule, with an amendment to change the October meeting date to October 16. Kim Havey seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

## **6) Discussion: working groups and task forces meet in small groups**

Food Council members and community members divided into their working groups and task forces and held planning discussions.

## **7) Updates and Announcements**

Food Council members and community members shared timely updates and announcements.

## **8) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Reported by Tamara Downs Schwei, Homegrown Minneapolis Staff

## **Next Food Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

5:00-5:30 pm pre-meeting presentation from Eastside Food Co-op

5:30-7:30 pm meeting at Eastside Food Co-op, 2551 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis

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