



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 5:30-7:30 pm
FOOD BUILDING, 1401 Marshall St NE, Minneapolis

Members Present: (Quorum met) Alyssa Banks, Andrea Eger, Beth Dooley, DeVon Nolen, Emily Minge, Council Member Jeremy Schroeder, Kate Seybold, Kim Havey, Kristen Klingler, Mai Yang, Mary Vorndran, Tasha Powell, Teresa Opheim, Tsega Tamene

Members Absent: Amy Maas, Dana Boyer, Deb Brister, MPRB Representative, Heidi Ritchie, Jaime Harris, Jason Walker, Rachelle Pass, Sophie Wallerstedt, Suado Abdi,

Others in Attendance: Council Member Cam Gordon, Kieran Folliard, Claire Baglien, Kellie Kish, Erin Rupp, Laurie Schneider, Sara Jane Van Allen, Emily Reno, Katie Zender, Chris Macleod, Ellen Moulin, Heather Cusick, Mary Buschette, Priscilla Trinh, Keith Williams

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

1) Call to Order: Welcome and Introductions

All Food Council members and community members in attendance introduced themselves.

2) Adoption of the Agenda and Acceptance of Minutes of February 13, 2019 Food Council meeting

Agenda and minutes were unanimously approved after a motion from CM Jeremy Schroeder, seconded by Beth Dooley.

3) Discussion: Minnesota Pollinator Policy Update

Erin Rupp of Pollinate Minnesota provided an update on the status of pollinators and the proposed Minnesota Lawns to Legumes Cost-Share program legislation. After discussion about the legislative language and the potential benefits of the program, Kim Havey proposed and Beth Dooley seconded a motion to approve a Food Council resolution supporting the proposed Lawns to Legumes program. The motion was approved unanimously. Laurie Schneider subsequently provided information about the work of the Pollinator Friendly Alliance and the annual Polli-Nation event, which will be held on August 25 at the FOOD BUILDING in Minneapolis.

4) Discussion: Opportunities for High School Youth: The Minnesota Youth Institute

On behalf of the University of MN College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS), Mary Buschette and Priscilla Trinh provided background on the World Food Prize and the May 20 Minnesota Youth Institute opportunities for high school youth, as well as opportunities for volunteer readers of youth applications.

5) Discussion: Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance

Council Member Cam Gordon shared information about the environmental issues caused by plastic and paper carryout bags, the history of previous related legislation at the City of Minneapolis and State of Minnesota, and details of the carryout bag ordinance that he is proposing the City of Minneapolis



consider this year along with proposed exemptions. Council Member Gordon distributed a brief survey to attendees to provide input. After some discussion, a motion to approve the proposed ordinance and communicate this support in a letter from the Food Council that also articulates desire for less exemptions and further action was proposed by Mary Vorndran, seconded by Kate Seybold and approved unanimously.

6) Discussion: Green to Go Updates

Kellie Kish provided updates on implementation of the next phase of the City's Green to Go ordinance and items that are no longer allowed or recyclable.

7) Discussion: Food Action Plan

Tamara Downs Schwei shared updates on the Food Action plan process framework and schedule, with the first bi-monthly meetings planned for May, July, September and November. A proposal was shared to change the May meeting date from May 8 to May 15 and was approved unanimously.

8) Discussion: Homegrown Minneapolis Community Food Forum

Tamara Downs Schwei provided event updates, discussed questions and asked Food Council members to sign up for shifts at the event.

9) Reports: Working Groups and Task Forces

Due to time constraints, working group updates were limited and postponed.

10) Updates and Announcements

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

11) Adjournment

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

Next Food Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

5:00-5:30 pm pre-meeting presentation from Campus Kitchens

5:30-7:30 pm meeting at Augsburg College, Hagfors Building, Room 150A, 700 21st Ave S, Minneapolis

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