MINUTES
COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 2, 2009
4:00 p.m., The Hayloft
Dundurn Castle
610 York Blvd., Hamilton


Absent with Regrets: Liz Shaver-Heeney, Carolyn Cade, Rob Clackett, Sue Coverdale, Councillor McHattie, Councillor Bratina, Angela Parle, Adam Watson, Russ Ohrt, Chris Krucker, Tabaruk Jahan

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Tina Moffat/Simon Taylor)

3.1 Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 3, 2009 were approved.

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4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Research Report – Sarah Wakefield

Sarah gave a presentation/summary on what the students have been working on this summer involving various projects:
• Household Food Security – a broad look at different kinds of initiatives with some best practices identified.
• Food Planning Review – review of what food planning encompasses.
• Community Food Assessments – how consumers experience and understand the current food system in several local communities.

Sarah will circulate both the project and copies of the first report as available.

There is a student who would like to do her thesis on food planning and needs a mentor. Suggestions were discussed. There is one other student with a background in Urban Agriculture looking for a subject for her current issues paper. Let Sarah know if you have any potential projects.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Introduction of new members and recruitment

Chris Krucker will be joining the committee as the second agricultural representative. There is one outstanding position to fill from Food Labour.

5.2 Subcommittee Reports

Education and outreach subcommittee – Tina

The subcommittee has partnered with Katrina Simmons and John Bullock to develop a website: Hamilton Food Matters. A research assistant has been hired with an Ontario Works grant and a McMaster communications intern will be helping with web design. Funding is being sought to get the website started and maintained. All were encouraged to suggest sources of potential funding. A new pamphlet about the Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee was developed and printed within Public Health and is now available for distribution in the community.

Enhancement of community food access and services subcommittee – Brian

The subcommittee didn’t meet over the summer. A GIS map of food banks and free food locations that was developed for the Food Access Guide might be a good place to start in mapping food locations in Hamilton. Brian will follow up with the GIS staff.

Policy subcommittee – No meetings were held over the summer. New chair is required as Angela has resigned from the committee.

Creation of a local food coordination subcommittee – Melanie completed the feasibility questionnaire over the summer. John Vieira and Martin Gooch plan to return to the committee in November to give a follow up report.

Sarah is on research leave this year and will be more available to support subcommittee work. Sub committee chairs are asked to provide one or two things they want to move forward on.
6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Straight from the Garden will be held on September 27, 2009 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Dundurn Castle. Cable 14 will have four segments in the Dundurn kitchen as well as a garden tour.

6.2 Downtown Localicious 2009 will be held September 18 – 27, 2007 and the Launch event is September 16th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Alexander Conference Centre located at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

6.3 The Canadian Urban Institute is hosting a panel discussion on The Future of Food on Friday, September 18, 2009, 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. Melanie has volunteered to attend and to bring back a report to the committee.

6.3 Plan B Open House Farm Tour and Barbeque will be held on September 27th

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Tina Moffat/Karen Burson)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm  
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