
Absent with Regrets: Vicki Edwards, Angela Parle, Brian Kreps, Russel Ohrt, Councillor Bratina,

Also Present: John Vieira, Martin Gooch, Zsuzsi Fodor, Sapphire Singh, Sarah Kam

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 – April 1 09)
   (Melanie Golba/ Maciej Kowalski – May 6 09)

   3.1 Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 1, 2009 and May 6, 2009 were approved.

      CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

   4.1 John Vieira and Martin Gooch presented their background work around feasibility of a food distribution hub in the Hamilton/Niagara region. John and Martin invited comments from group. If there are any suggestions regarding people who should be interviewed for the study, please send information to Susan Coverdale ASAP. Any comments from CFSSC members can also be forwarded through Susan. (See Appendix 1.)
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Subcommittee Reports

Infrastructure
- Subcommittee will focus on infrastructure as it relates to local food and education.
- They are hoping to continue engaging in meetings on campuses of post secondary institutions.
- At June 2 event, Mayor Eisenberger stated that he wishes to work towards having more local food available in city institutions.
- Farmers’ markets continue to generate interest. Markets are opening on Concession Street and in Dundas. Two other markets are looking for managers. There is also interest in establishing a market in Stoney Creek.

Food Policy
- No report

Enhancing Food Access and Services
- No report

Education and Outreach
- No report

5.2 Research update

Sarah Wakefield provided an update on the progress of the two course research assistants:

One assistant has submitted a draft proposal and has received ethics approval to interview people in Hamilton regarding best practices in enhancing food access. She will be focusing specifically on policy and the impact of policy, particularly at a municipal level. She will look at many current policies globally around food access.

The second assistant will be gathering information on broader planning issues and the role of planning in food. Both research assistants will produce final reports in time for the CFSSC meeting on September 2 09.

Another research assistant and Sarah have met with the Social Planning and Research Council and the Hamilton Community Foundation regarding working with local communities to identify what is happening in terms of local food in those communities. They will do a visioning exercise to ask citizens what they would like their food system to look like. They have not yet decided what neighbourhoods they will be focusing on, but they will include some of the hub neighbourhoods as identified by the Hamilton Community Foundation. The existing funds cover a broad evaluation component. If there is a particular need identified, it may be possible to apply for more funds.
5.3 Summer to-dos and timeline

Education and Outreach Subcommittee – Website is a priority.
Enhancing Access Subcommittee – Committee will look into what has been done already in city regarding mapping and where they need to focus.
Infrastructure Subcommittee – Committee will look at local food policies in municipalities and will meet with Liz Millar regarding food programs in schools and possibilities around partnering regarding local food procurement.
Policy Subcommittee – Committee will meet later in the summer after information from the research student who is working on food planning is compiled.

Recruitment:
The due date for applicants has now passed. No new applications have been received. Councillor Pasuta, Sarah Wakefield and Vicki Edwards will review the existing applications. Some positions may remain unfilled but will try to have new members in September.
Committee will continue to recruit applicants from the desired sector if no applications have been received rather than accepting applicants from another sector.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Slow Food Hamilton is hosting a Strawberries & Ice Cream Garden Party at Whitehern on June 21.

6.2 Karen Burson circulated a brochure from the Niagara Local Food Co-operative, a virtual coop. www.niagaralocalfoodcoop.ca

6.3 The 2010 OPPI (Ontario Professional Planners Association) Symposium will focus on food. More details will follow.

6. The McMaster Farmers’ Market was to launch the week of May 25 but was halted by Paradise Catering, the campus catering company. Plans are for the market to open by the end of June. This is a volunteer-run market. Zsuzsi Fodor will circulate information to CFSSC members.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Carolyn Cade/ Susan Coverdale)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.  
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