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COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 4, 2008
4:00 p.m., Room 400E
City Centre, 4th Floor
77 James St. N., Hamilton

Present: Co-Chairs: Councillor Pasuta, Sarah Wakefield
Stakeholders: Carolyn Cade
Emma Cubitt
Mel Fisher
Melanie Golba
Willy Hekman
Tabaruk Jahan
Maceij Kowalski
Sarah Megens
Tina Moffat
Russel Ohrt
Simon Taylor

City Councillors: Councillor McHattie
City of Hamilton Staff: Susan Coverdale
Vicki Edwards
Elizabeth Shaver Heeney
Brian Kreps
Angela Parle
Adam Watson
Judi Childs

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Bratina

Also Present: Dorothy Elliott

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 There were no previous minutes to approve.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Welcome and Overview
Committee members were welcomed by Sarah Wakefield and Councillor Pasuta. Members introduced themselves and provided reasons why they are interested in being committee members.

4.2 Overview of Community Food Security
Vicki Edwards presented an overview of Community Food Security.

4.3 History of the Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee
Sarah Wakefield presented an overview of the creation of the committee. She voiced current concerns re cost of food due to increased price of oil and equipment, the drive for ethanol using corn & soybeans that will affect cost production of food, and the expensive transportation of goods. Food will become more expensive and given the percentage of income spent on food, this is a growing concern.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Assessment of Community Strengths & Weaknesses regarding Food Security/Report back on Strengths & Weaknesses
Small groups discussed what is happening in the community re: Strengths and Weaknesses and Assets and Gaps regarding Community Food Security.

5.2 Identification of Assets and Gaps/Report back on Assets and Gaps
Summary:
- have identified some specific gaps for this committee
- have identified specific challenges in a variety of areas (survival of farmers, how people access food)
- this committee may address selected identified gaps
Community Food Security Continuum (Assets and Gaps) was circulated.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Vicki Edwards/Judi Childs)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED