Present: Liz Shaver-Heeney, Vicki Edwards, Sarah Wakefield, Karen Burson, Robert Clackett, Ursula Samuels, Emma Cubitt, Councillor Bratina, Adam Watson, Richard MacDonald, Judi Childs


Also Present:

1. PRESENTATIONS
   There were no presentations.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
   There were no changes to the agenda.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   There were no Declarations of Interest

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
   4.1 Approval of June 2, 2010 Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee Meeting minutes was deferred until October 6, 2010 meeting due to lack of quorum.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   5.1 Strategic Planning 2010
      5.1.1 Approval of committee objectives (see page following)

      Revised objectives will be circulated via email to all members for approval.
Councillor Bratina advised that the CFSSC should send delegations to Board of Health on a more frequent basis to increase visibility.

5.1.2 Discussion of Goals and Objectives, Subcommittee Structure
Goals were discussed and revised. Sarah will forward revisions to committee members. No response indicates agreement. Sarah is hoping to present updated goals and objectives to Board of Health on September 27.
Sarah will send draft notes comparing Access subcommittee role to City of Hamilton’s Emergency Food role.
CFSSC display and brochures will be revised once goals and objectives are updated.

5.1.3 Succession Planning
Deferred

5.2 Subcommittee Reports

5.21 Policy

5.211 Farmers’ Market Policy
Subcommittee is establishing an action plan to move forward with a Farmers’ Market policy for the city. Plans are underway for an in-depth study to determine what all involved parties want from Farmers’ Markets. A grant proposal has been submitted to Healthy Communities Partnership for funding to cover costs of a coordinator position to facilitate the study. Successful grant applicants will hear by the end of September.
Richard MacDonald from Health Protection, who is replacing Robert Hart on this committee, would like to be included in the development of the Farmers’ Market policy.

5.212 Community Garden Facilitator
A grant proposal has been submitted to Trillium for funding for a Community Garden Facilitator for a two year term. The lead agency in the proposal is Canadian Organic Growers. Green Venture will house the position. The coordinator will help gardeners with all aspects of community gardens, mainly in neighbourhoods where residents might not have the capacity to do this.
Adam is transitioning the administration of the existing three Public Works allotment gardens (Dundas, Churchill Park and Victoria Park) to community members. Public Works is continuing to establish an inventory of available lands.

5.22 Infrastructure and Procurement
Eat Local Hamilton hosted a meeting regarding establishing a network to expand the Good Food Box program in Hamilton. Response has been very positive. Eat Local Hamilton will be applying for funding from OMAFRA through Environment Hamilton. Sarah is the academic partner on the application which is due September 20. Information on the Good Food Box is available on the Food Share website. (http://www.foodshare.net/goodfoodbox01.htm)
5.23 Education and Outreach
The draft website is completed, but still needs some improvements. http://hamiltonfoodmatters.org/
Eat Local Hamilton has brought together a workgroup to plan a food forum in February during Farm month. An application for funding has been submitted to Healthy Communities Partnership for $9,960 which will cover the cost of a coordinator and other expenses associated with the forum.

5.24 Access
Mapping is being done through the city’s GIS to take the Food Access Guide to the next level, showing free and affordable food, and commercial retail food outlets. The maps will be used as a strategizing tool to identify issues that need to be addressed. Health Protection is working with Healthy Living on this initiative.

5.3 BoH Deputation Planning
Sarah will ask to be scheduled on BoH agenda on September 27. Presentation will focus on what the CFSSC has achieved and ask for approval of revised objectives. Presentation will be circulated to CFSSC members in advance, no response indicates agreement.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 People’s Food Policy “Kitchen Table Talks”
This is a national initiative to create Canada’s first comprehensive federal food policy. Interested groups are asked to host kitchen table talks between October 7 and 17 to engage people in talking about food, the food system and how our values are (or aren’t) reflected in the food system. http://www.peoplesfoodpolicy.ca
Vicki will send proposed meeting dates for CFSSC committee members to participate in a kitchen table talk.

6.2 Aerotropolis consultation
City is in final stages of development planning for the airport lands. This will have significant impact on local farmland in terms of availability. Sarah encouraged all to register their opinions by sending an email to aegd@hamilton.ca or via regular mail to Ray Lee, Industrial Parks and Airport Development, 71 Main Street West 6th Floor, Hamilton, ON, L8P 4Y5. Sarah will send out draft letter on behalf of CFSSC. If everyone is comfortable with letter, we will send as a committee. If not all are comfortable, individuals can sign. Input needs to take place soon since this is to be presented at the October Planning Committee meeting.

6.3 Food research update
A student will be analyzing whether we can feed ourselves in Hamilton with the land we have available.
6.4 Rural Routes bus tours
Eat Local Hamilton, with HSR, Smart Commute, and Tourism Hamilton, has organized four farm tours this year. Tours to date have sold out and been extremely successful. The October 16 tour is being run in partnership with Hamilton Partners in Nutrition to fundraise for Operation Smoothie, an initiative to buy fruit and dairy products for children.

6.5 Downtown Farmers’ Market
The new Farmers’ Market will open in January, 2011. Focus will be “Farmers First”.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Liz Shaver Heeney/ Robert Clackett)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm. CARRIED
CFSSC Objectives (revised):

1. Advise Hamilton City Council and staff on community food security issues and related policy development.

2. Recommend strategic actions and specific policy/by-law changes to support and enhance community food security.

3. Act as a bridge between the City, local organizations and residents through community food security education, outreach, and networking.

4. Encourage innovation and community development by providing technical support to local organizations (e.g. research, grant writing).

5. Include the needs and perspectives of individuals and communities who are marginalized by the current food system (i.e. people living in poverty, farmers).