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COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 7, 2010
4:00 p.m., The Hayloft
Dundurn Castle
610 York Blvd., Hamilton


Absent with Regrets: Councillor McHattie, Maciej Kowalski, Councillor Pasuta, Sue Coverdale, Chris Krucker, Carolyn Cade, Russ Ohrt, Tabarak Jahan, Brian Kreps, Councillor Bratina, Bob Hart

Also Present:

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

   (Adam Watson/ Sarah Wakefield)

   3.1 Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee Meeting minutes dated March 3, 2010 were approved with the following change:

   4.1: - need for the policy to be sent to Board of Health for further discussion and possible further action by other city departments.

PRESENTATIONS

4.1 There were no presentations.
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Community Garden Policy update
- Revisions have been made to policy document and report. Report is under review and will be presented at Public Works Committee on April 19. Adam will circulate report to CFSSC members on April 16.
- CFSSC members can provide feedback on next draft of report to Sarah Wakefield.
- City’s legal department has advised that community gardens will be covered under an “all sport policy”, a blanket user group policy that covers community activities on city land.

5.2 LFDI report follow-up
- Follow-up meeting has been scheduled. Sarah has forwarded a list of names of potential attendees to Sue Coverdale. If you would like to attend and did not receive an invitation let Sarah know.
- Vicki will circulate the new executive summary and will collect your feedback at the May meeting.

5.3 Subcommittee reports

Increasing Access
- Subcommittee is meeting next week to review mapping exercises.

Policy and Infrastructure (joint meeting)
- Committee discussed next steps to inform the direction of the local food distribution initiative, support for local food procurement for city facilities, and development of a Farmer’s Market policy.
- The committee has asked Robert Clackett for current policies regarding Farmer’s Markets in the city.
- Vicki met with Kate Whelan from the McMaster University Sustainability Office re the possibility of a farmers’ market on campus this summer. Kate is also interested in community gardens and local food procurement.

Education and Outreach
- The website should be completed by April 16. Please forward material for posting, as well as any feedback to Tina.
- Karen will forward information on farm tours, and suggested including a link to PHS website.
- Katrina Simmons has applied for a trillium grant to hire a part-time webmaster to keep website up-to-date.

5.2 Strategic planning for 2010
- Members suggested continuing with work on concrete tangible items – getting a community garden coordinator in place, completing a mapping project to create a food hub or community centre, establishing a local food purchasing policy for city facilities (child care centres, HECFI, long term care homes, arenas etc.), hosting events to generate
interest in community food security such as a speakers’ series or conference, and work towards a food strategy for the city to start directly after the next election.

- The mandate may need to be reworded and there was discussion about the need to re-assess sub-committees.
- Sarah will draft a document that incorporates suggestions for review at May meeting.

6.0 GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

- Karen suggested visiting Sustain Ontario website to see what’s being done at provincial level re food security. ([http://sustainontario.com](http://sustainontario.com))
- Debbie Field from Toronto Food Share will present at May 5 meeting

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Emma Cubitt/Tina Mofatt)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.  
CARRIED