MINUTES
COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 3, 2010
4:00 p.m., The Hayloft
Dundurn Castle
610 York Blvd., Hamilton


Absent with Sue Coverdale, Robert Clackett, Liz Shaver-Heeney,
Regrets: Tina Moffat, Brian Kreps, Councillor Pasuta, Councillor Bratina

Also Present: Ed DeVries

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
   5.1 Welcome to Bob Hart, new committee member

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
   (Karen Burson/Carolyn Cade)
   3.1 Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee Meeting minutes dated February 3, 2010 were approved.

4. PRESENTATIONS
   4.1 Community Garden Policy – Adam Watson
   Adam Watson presented the draft Community Garden Policy. Committee discussed the following issues:
   - need for a dedicated community garden coordinator
   - need for the policy to be sent to Board of Health for further discussion and possible further action by other city departments.
   - lack of provision of water by city
- additional city departments (Public Health, Community Services) were not included in the draft report
- need for user fees that are geared to all levels of income (and need to find ways to enhance equity of community garden provision more generally)
- limitations of short term lease agreements
- concerns re transitioning all allotment gardens to community gardens

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Sarah introduced Bob Hart, Food Safety Manager, Health Protection Division, City of Hamilton Public Health Services.

5.2 Subcommittee reports

Policy Subcommittee
- subcommittee met to discuss LFDI report, possibility of farmer’s market policy development
- Sarah will follow up with Sue Coverdale re: next steps in relation to local food distribution hub.
- Policy and Infrastructure subcommittees will meet jointly to discuss.

Other Subcommittees
- reports deferred until April, 2010 meeting

5.3 Strategic planning for 2010
- deferred until April meeting

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Karen Burson reminded committee of the Bring Food Home conference in Kitchener on March 4, 5, and 6. Karen will report at the April meeting.

6.2 The Hill Street Community Garden committee is hosting a fundraiser on March 26 at the Old Mill. Tickets are $100.00. Emma will circulate more information.

6.3 Community Garden Network is co-sponsoring Seedy Saturday on March 20 at the Jamesville Community Centre.

6.4 Chris Krucker reported on a very successful Back to our Roots event on February 27 at Dundurn Castle. The event was sold out with 45 attendees.

6.5 The Introduction to Gardening event, sponsored by Dundas in Transition, was attended by 110 people.

6.6 A Farmers’ Forum, The Future of Food in Hamilton, attracted much interest and high attendance. Sense is that it may be time to organize a food conference in Hamilton.
7. ADJOURNMENT

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