



Hamilton

Minutes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall**

Present: Sarah Wakefield (chair), Dave Carson, Emma Cubitt, Vicki Edwards, Melanie Golba, Chris Krucker, Tina Moffat, Councillor Pasuta, Ursula Samuels, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Dr. Ninh Tran, Anne Winning

Absent with Regrets: Karen Burson, Sara Collyer, Robert Clackett, Tabaruk Jahan Councillor Johnson, Maciej Kowalski, Richard MacDonald, Councillor McHattie, Sapphire Singh

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING NOV. 2
(Dave Carson/ Chris Krucker/)**

3.1 Minutes dated November 2, 2011 were approved as presented.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Content of delegation presentation to Board of Health on Community Garden Coordinator Position.

Background: The Community Garden Policy, passed in April 2010, gave support for the physical development of gardens, and one-year Trillium funding was secured for a coordinator position to support gardeners. The Trillium grant is about to expire and there is a six-month gap before additional Trillium funding can be obtained.

Sarah Wakefield, on behalf of CFSSC, will ask the city for bridge funding to allow the position to continue during the six month gap. Members commented on her draft presentation, and suggested adding a couple of slides on the number and location of current community gardens in the city.

Dave Carson moved that Sarah take this presentation forward to the General Issues Committee and Tina Moffat seconded. **Carried**

5.2 Sub-committee updates

5.2.1 Policy Sub-committee

5.2.1.1 Update on Food Charter workshops

In October and November, seven consultation sessions with stakeholders and two informal consultations with clients of Wesley Urban Centre meal programs were completed to get input on the draft wording of the food charter. Stakeholders want a charter that specifies education in addition to health, sustainable and just when describing a food system. They want statements with clear, simple words, or at the very least definitions for words such as sustainable, socially acceptable, culturally acceptable, local, vulnerability, and all settings. To date, 12 people have indicated interest in working on the food charter committee, and an additional 14 people offered to provide additional written review by email. A presentation of the food charter was delivered by Donna Weldon and Vicki Edwards to the Roundtable for Poverty Reduction on Dec. 2 and was well received.

Sarah has engaged a researcher, Lynnette Hornung, to conduct an environmental scan of the effectiveness of food charters in other jurisdictions. Final report will be available in January.

Committee members offered suggestions for engaging more stakeholders in moving this charter forward. A press release and a champion may help build momentum. The next policy sub-committee meeting is Dec. 20. It was recommended that the sub-committee keep track of the process in a written format.

5.2.1.2 Update on moving forward with Farmers Market white paper recommendations

Sarah and Chris will contact Robert to plan a January meeting with the councillors associated with the planning committee to investigate how to move forward.

5.2.2 Education and Outreach Sub-committee - no report

5.2.3 Infrastructure and Procurement Sub-Committee - no report

5.2.4 Enhanced Community Food Access Sub-committee - no report, the mapping presentation in New Year.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Setting the ground work for strategic planning and workplan development for 2012, roles of committee members.

The 2011-2012 workplan was reviewed for accomplishments, changes and future activities. It was noted that little progress has been made in facilitating local food procurement in city food establishments and tenders. While not on the workplan, the issue of urban chickens continues to be raised. Development of city website will replace the Hamilton Food Matters Website at least for the short-term. Sarah reported on discussions with local food related organizations about the potential

development of a Hamilton Food Network, which would undertake activities beyond the policy advisory role of the CFSSC.

ACTION: Sarah will circulate the table highlighting the work completed to date. Discussion of committee next steps will continue at the next meeting.

6.2 Staff support for the committee

Citizen members expressed concern that Public Health is no longer providing secretarial support to the committee and that Vicki is now taking minutes and cannot participate fully in meetings. Staff will explore if other advisory committees have secretarial support provided to them. Moved by Tina and seconded by Melanie that the city investigate secretarial support for minutes and agendas. **Carried**

6.3 National Food Policy Pledge <http://peoplesfoodpolicy.ca/pledge> -

ACTION: Sarah will circulate via email.

6.4 Update on farmer training investigation - deferred

6.5 Update on Farmer's Market Voucher Program presentation at Board of Health - deferred

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

(Dave Carson/Emma Cubitt)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Carried