



Hamilton

Minutes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall**

Present: Sarah Wakefield (chair), Karen Burson, , Emma Cubitt, Vicki Edwards, Tabaruk Jahan, Tina Moffat, Councillor Pasuta, Ursula Samuels, Sapphire Singh, Ed Devries (for Anne Winning)

Absent with Regrets: Dave Carson, Sara Collyer, Melanie Golba, Susan Harding-Cruz Councillor McHattie, Councillor Johnson, Maciej Kowalski, Chris Krucker, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Dr. Ninh Tran

Guests – Graham Cubitt with the Mustard Seed, Donna Lee Macdonald with the Farmer's Market downtown.

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, May 2, 2012 (Sapphire Singh/Tina Moffat)

3.1 Minutes dated May 2, 2012 were approved as circulated.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 The Mustard Seed Co-op – Emma and Graham Cubitt gave a presentation on their plan (with Lynda Dykstra) to establish a community grocery store in Hamilton. To date they have researched and visited other food co-operatives, explored different models such as worker-owned and customer member operated, and are currently working on a feasibility report. Their goals are to prioritize local and wholesome food, offer a breadth of products and services, and to operate a storefront retail location that is open seven days a week in an existing downtown building, convenient to transit.

Access their website and survey at: <http://themustardseedcoop.wordpress.com/>
The planners will be holding a community meeting and film screening (To Make a Farm) in the Hill Street Community Garden on July 6 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

4.2 A GIS methodology for Improved-Access Farmers' Market Siting: Hamilton, Ontario Case Study. Vicki reviewed the report prepared by GIS students from the University of Toronto. Using maps of Hamilton, the students made recommendations for the locations of future farmers' markets based on need and accessibility.

Actions – Vicki will share with SPRC, and request permission from the authors to post the report on the food security website. www.hamilton.ca/foodsecurity

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Group updates

5.1.1 Food Charter <http://hamiltonfoodcharter.wordpress.com/>

The website has been updated to include a page 6, where people can sign up to support the charter. A dietetic intern collected over eighty signatures of support at the Art Crawl and at two farmers' markets in May. Donna Weldon gave a presentation to the Family Studies Teachers last week and will be going to the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee on June 14.

Actions – CFSSC members are asked to collect signatures in their networks to gain community support for a charter. The Power Point presentation will be shared with members to use with their audiences.

5.1.2 Education and Outreach – members are exploring options to provide a film screening, host a TED talk (www.ted.com), set up the CFSSC display on Art Crawl nights, and increase our online profile. Tabaruk took the display to two recent Bangladesh and South Asian celebrations. People wanted to know more about the good food box, community gardens, and offered expertise in how to grow ethnic vegetables.

The committee would like to make up some business cards to accompany the display that would direct people to information on the good food boxes, the food access guide, the charter, and CFSSC web sites pages. A logo and identifying letterhead could be created for the CFSSC to use on all materials.

Actions: Sarah will forward thank you letters to Tabaruk's contacts for space provided at the May events. Vicki will investigate cost and design support for logo, letterhead, business cards and email domain. Committee members Karen, Tina, Sapphire and Tabaruk will plan for online communications with social media, twitter etc.

5.1.3 Farmers' Markets – Chris Krucker attended the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee meeting on May 30, but was not present to give a report. Donna Lee Macdonald is the new manager of the Downtown Farmers' Market and will be joining the CFSSC committee on a regular basis.

5.1.4 Community gardens – Ed Devries reported that Public Works is busy supporting community gardens with new ones opening this year and others waiting until 2013. Compost has been delivered to all those requesting it. There is a huge waiting list of people who want to participate in a community garden.

The Trillium application for the community garden coordinator is awaiting confirmation of a hosting agency.

5.1.5 Food Hub Development – a survey will be sent to organizations to determine the kind of network that would best connect partners around food issues.

5.2 Healthy Communities – Tina and Sarah have contacted and/or identified a few potential hosts for a research sharing event.

Actions: Tina and Sarah will follow up over the summer.

5.3 Hamilton's Agricultural Self-Sufficiency Assessment – Emma Cubitt and Tina Moffat moved to accept this report pending final round of revisions, and directed the committee to post it on the website when available. Passed

5.4 CFSSC Submission to UN Special Rapporteur to the Right to Food. Members thanked Sarah for writing and sending in a letter on behalf of the committee. Sarah's student is writing a media analysis paper on the coverage of the Rapporteur's findings over the summer.

5.5 CFSSC Submission on the Ontario Food and Nutrition Strategy – Liz collected comments from members and submitted them on our behalf.

5.6 Bring Food Home Conference – Hamilton/Niagara is one of three locations that have been short listed to host the 2013 conference. Dave, Sara, Tina, Emma and Sarah have offered to help with the next application and on-site visit from Sustain Ontario.

Action: Karen will circulate the original application to members. Let Karen know of any potential partners to list on next application.

5.7 Food Trucks – do food trucks increase greenhouse gas emissions? Karen contacted Brian Montgomery for his response and it seems that the answer is mixed. Al Fletcher is the city staff person who is dealing with food truck issues in Hamilton.

Action: Karen, on behalf of the committee, will connect with Al and let him know that CFSSC members would like to be helpful, contribute to the discussion, and provide feedback (idling, nutrition, food issue, etc.) on the issue.

5.8 Airport Employment Growth District – defer

5.9 Proposed Joint meeting date with other Food committees - defer

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 A Social Enterprise event is being held on June 14 at Liuna Station.

http://seedhamilton.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=87:social-enterprise-workshop&catid=47:events&Itemid=56

<http://www.communitylivingontario.ca/news-events/news/employment/sparking-local-social-enterprise-network>

Action: Vicki to circulate the link to members,

6.2 Member Barbecue - Sarah offered to host a barbecue in July or August.
Seconded by Emma Cubitt. Details will follow.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Karen Burson/Emma Cubitt)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm

Carried

Reminder – no meetings in July or August.