



Hamilton

Minutes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall

Present: Dave Carson (co-chair), Karen Burson, Vicki Edwards, Melanie Golba, Maciej Kowalski, Chris Krucker, Tina Moffat, Ursula Samuels, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Clare Wagner, Adam Watson, Greg Witt

Absent: Jean-Anne Bauman, Tabaruk Jahan Councillor McHattie, Councillor Johnson, Donna Lee Macdonald, Councillor Pasuta, Dr. Ninh Tran, Sarah Wakefield

Guests: Joanne Hickey-Evans, Brian Morris

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Order of the presentations was changed to allow the guest presenters to go first.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Clare Wagner/Adam Watson)

3.1 Minutes of May 7, 2014 were approved as circulated.

Dave reviewed all action items in the May minutes. The members present confirmed that their action items had been completed.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Development of a Farmers' Market Policy – Brian Morris summarized the Information Report 'Development of a Farmers' Market Policy (PED14084)' that went to the General Issues Committee on May 21st, 2014. Rather than a formal policy, staff is moving forward with a number of initiatives including a zoning by-law amendment to define Farmers' Markets, a formalized grant program, a Hamilton Sign By-law, and marketing initiatives.

Motion: Members of the Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee (CFSSC) are open to managing and administering a farmers' market grant program.

(Chris Krucker/Melanie Golba)

Passed

4.2 Urban Agriculture policy development –Joanne Hickey-Evans, Manager, Planning Policy and Zoning By-Law Reform, Planning and Economic Development Department, provided an update with regards to definitions, locations and land use for for urban agriculture, community gardens, and farmers’ markets.

Action: Joanne will update her slide presentation to reflect the changes discussed and will circulate it to CFSSC members for further input by email. Deadline for input is early in July.

4.3 Findings of international panel on climate change with respect to food security – Dave Carson

Motion: Defer this presentation to the September meeting.

(Vicki Edwards/Karen Burson)

Passed

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Food Strategy update – The Inter-departmental steering team will be taking a report to the Board of Health in August with plans for community engagement to follow.

5.2 Progress on a food event for Hamilton – Clare shared the proposal for a DIY Food Festival to be held Saturday, September 27th OR Saturday, October 4th from 11a.m. – 4 p.m.

Suzanne Brown emailed Clare to say that this event fit with the neighbourhood action plans. Clare will be attend a McQuesten planning team meeting shortly and will also follow up with the Beazley neighbourhood association to identify the best location for it to be held. The Hamilton community garden network is supporting her planning time for the event, but \$3-5,000 is the estimated amount needed for insurance and other base line costs to make it a reality.

Action: Clare will explore partners, location and funding as time permits.

5.3 Food Waste project update – Adam reported that the student has not yet been available to meet, so it is still unknown if her interests align with the needs of the Public Works.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Report from the Edible Education Forum in May – Clare attended this forum with food producers, Tastebuds representatives and school representatives. The focus was on food system knowledge, skills and access. They explored what is happening, what could happen, and next steps. With attendance capped at 30, they filled the room.

6.2 Experience presenting at the Halton Community Garden Network Event – Clare was a guest speaker at the Halton event and spoke about the Hamilton network experience and the CFSSC role in getting a community garden policy in the City.

6.3 Nick Saul will be speaking to his book The Stop at the Library on June 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Action: Vicki will circulate the Flyer as soon as it is available.

6.4 Staff support to the committee will be changing in the fall as Vicki has accepted an acting manager position with the Injury Prevention team in Public Health Services. On behalf of the members, Dave formally thanked Vicki for her work on the committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Adam Watson/Ursula Samuels)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.