



Hamilton

Meeting Notes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 4:30 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall

Present: Dave Carson (co-chair), Ursula Samuels, Tabaruk Jahan, Sarah Wakefield, Clare Wagner

Staff: Adam Watson, Dr. Ninh Tran, Sandy Skrzypczyk

Absent: Karen Burson, Jean-Anne Bauman, Tina Moffat, Maciej Kowalski, Donna Lee Macdonald, Chris Krucker, Melanie Golba, Councillor Pasuta, Councillor A. Johnson, Councillor Collins, Greg Witt

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Lack of quorum; therefore unable to approve the agenda or conduct formal meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Approval of minutes of January 7, 2014 deferred until next meeting due to lack of quorum.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Feedback from the Committee on the 2014 CFSSC Accomplishments document: Dave received one comment after the last meeting and has addressed it in the document. Sarah suggested rearranging the bullet points so that the most significant ones are first in the list under each heading. She also suggested that the Chair do a delegation to present this to the Board of Health. **Action:** Dave and Clare will do the delegation to the Board of Health.

5.2 Prioritizing issues and actions for 2015 was deferred due to lack of quorum. Sarah suggested that the committee be suspended until the review of all advisory committees is completed and there is direction from Council. Ursula and Tabaruk expressed their desire for this committee to continue. The committee will meet again next month.

5.5 Debrief on Food in the City Local Food Forum: Clare Wagner discussed the first food forum and its success; about 75 people were in attendance. Councillors Conley, Merulla, and Pasuta attended and responded to questions. The next forum, Food in Schools is set for the next week.

Clare also shared copies of the new Edible Education guide completed by this network; the Hamilton Garden network is being now managed out of Neighbour to Neighbour instead of Green Venture; and Seedy Saturday will be held on February 28.

5. 6 Purchase of *Growing Cities* film and Urban Agriculture/Farm update www.growingcitiesmovie.com. Adam reported that they have purchased this film and when received, it will be available for community events. Sandy borrowed it from the Hamilton Public Library and reported that it is an inspirational film showing many issues that could be addressed via urban agriculture.

Adam provided an update on the McQuesten urban farm, including that the site design is in the works, and they posted for a farm animator who hopefully will be starting in the next week to engage the community over the next year to increase participation. A greenhouse is a consideration in the site design if appropriate. The urban agriculture zoning by-law has one appeal, but hope is that it will be resolved shortly.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINES

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.