



Hamilton

MINUTES

Food Advisory Committee

February 8, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Room 264, City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Vijay Jos (Co-Chair), Chris Krucker (Secretary), Katherine (Kate) Flynn, Mohamedfat-Hi Aden, Nancy Henley, Laurie Nielsen, Steve Robinson, Clare Wagner, Bill Wilcox, Sandy Skrzypczyk (Staff Liaison)

Absent with Regrets: Luc Peters (Co-Chair), Alan Griffiths, Jessica Brand

Also Present: Sophie Augurusa, Lauren Funtig Beeler

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Agenda for February 8, 2017 was approved as presented.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Bill Wilcox/Laurie Nielson)

Food Advisory Committee Minutes, dated January 11, 2017 were approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Staff Liaison Update: Sandy Skrzypczyk, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton provided an update on recruitment for Food Advisory Committee (FAC)

members. Submissions for the Committee have been received; recruitment remains open until February 24th.

Several Food Strategy-related Board of Health Reports are going forward in 2017, including reporting back on Priority Action1, food waste, school nutrition programs, the Implementation Plan, and progress on Priority Actions 4 and 5.

Public Health staff met with Clare Wagner to get the background work started regarding available kitchen space that could be accessed for various groups and uses (i.e., cooking for personal consumption, social enterprise, and small food businesses). Initial planning is underway to carry out the kitchen scan.

6.2 Food Strategy Priority Action 1 Subcommittee Update & Discussion: Kate Flynn, subcommittee chair, presented an overview of the discussion from their first meeting, including the context for this priority action, current funding avenues within the City, who has received City funding, how much funds are allocated toward food actions, and identified gaps. Members expressed interest in having City staff attend to provide an overview about the City Enrichment Fund (CEF) Program to better understand this structure.

Action: The summary notes from priority action 1 subcommittee to be sent to the FAC members along with the February minutes. This subcommittee will meet again February 22 to continue work on priority action 1 and report back at the next FAC meeting.

Sandy will invite Carmen Bian, manager of the Community Services CEF Program and Brian Morris, manager for the Agriculture CEF Program to provide an overview about their respective funding streams at the next FAC meeting.

6.3 Food Strategy Priority Action 5 Subcommittee Update & Discussion: Chris Krucker, subcommittee chair, presented an overview of the notes from this group's first meeting. Suggestions from the Committee included consideration of the following:

- Connecting growers and institutional buyers face-to-face
- Contact the person (Jay?) who runs some of the food festivals locally, such as the Wine and Food Fest, baby festival, wedding festival, to explore the potential of being involved at these festivals
- Defining what we mean by a "festival" - is it a fun community festival (i.e. picnic) or to promote growing small food businesses, meet-up between consumers and producers, etc.
- Defining what the purpose of the festival would be
- Festivals/events require lots of effort by the groups having booths
- Foot traffic becomes an issue
- Scanning what other cities have done
- Should it be stand alone or joint with other events
- Learning/reviewing what went well with past local food events held in the City, such as the one held at the Spectator auditorium
- Looking at the Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance, whose mandate is to make connections between growers, chefs, and consumers and promote Ontario events

- How does local food be seen as accessible in events
- Sustain Ontario's Bring Food Home conference is coming up in 2018 and the RFP has gone out for those interested in hosting the event in their city
- Restaurants Canada Show 26-28, Toronto

Action: The summary notes from priority action 5 subcommittee to be sent to the FAC members along with the February minutes. This subcommittee will meet again February 16th and report back at the next FAC meeting.

Overall, the reports from both sub-committees were well received, and the subcommittee process seems to be working well.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

Vijay welcomed guests, Sophie Augurusa and Lauren Funtig Beeler, who introduced themselves and spoke of their interest in being involved in Hamilton's food system; they both intend on submitting applications to become members on this Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Vijay Vos/Steve Robinson)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday March 8, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
City Hall, Room 264