



Hamilton

Minutes

FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 12, 2019

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

City Hall, Rooms 192-193, 1st Floor

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Elly Bowen (Co-chair), Krista D'aoust, Vicky Hachey, Laurie Nielsen, Barbara Stares, Kyle Swain, Drew Johnston, Biniam Mehretab, Andrew Sweetnam, Brian Tammi (Secretary), Sandy Skrzypczyk (Staff Liaison), Frank Stinellis, Maria Biasutti, Jordan Geertsma, Mary Ellen Scanlon, Vivien Underdown (Chair)

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Merulla, Jennifer Silversmith, Edward Whittall

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Sandy S.)

Addition of agenda item 5.5 - Update of FAC membership Re: Edward Whittall resignation.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(D'aoust/ Nielson)

That the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting of the Food Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Presentation on Community Gardens in Hamilton by Heather Harvey, Health Promotion Specialist/RD, City of Hamilton Public Health Services was received. The presentation outlined the actions and issues surrounding community gardens in Hamilton. She also presented preliminary results from a city-conducted demographic survey of gardeners to assess benefits, challenges, and how to increase access to more citizens.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Summary of Food Strategy Forum

FAC members who attended Food Strategy Forum shared their experiences and impressions of the event.

5.2 Review of Mandate and Objectives

General sentiment of a need to focus on “big picture” over-arching issue/action. Support expressed to align the Food Strategy with climate emergency/ BACCC (Bay Area Climate Change Council) action plan.

5.3 Focus of Future Committee Actions

General discussion focused on the following items:

- City-owned certified kitchens that are unused
- Tangible actions for individuals to mitigate climate change
- Hamilton regional/community food hub/food terminal
- As an advisory committee, we should be advising the City
- Inventory of food assets in Hamilton. Look at best practices on how to direct resources to best address identified issues.

5.4 Sharing of food related issues

Continued from 5.3, members had an open discussion of what locally relevant food issues members want to focus actions on in 2020. Main points are that our actions should be:

- rooted in evidence
- applicable to Hamilton
- tactful about how we proceed to impact policy
- based on passion about the issue

5.5 Update of FAC membership

Edward Whittall has resigned from the Food Advisory Committee because he has begun a new job that will not avail him time to be on committee. He wishes everyone the best in the future.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

7. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

V. Underdown invites FAC membership to social event on the 2nd Tuesday in December and will send a follow up email to everyone with the details.

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Hachey/Scanlon)

That there be no further business, the Food Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:00 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

V. Underdown, Chair
Food Advisory Committee

Sandy Skrzypczyk
Staff Liaison
Public Health Services