



Hamilton

Minutes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall**

Present: Sarah Wakefield (chair), Karen Burson, Dave Carson, Robert Clackett, Vicki Edwards Maciej Kowalski, Chris Krucker, Ursula Samuels, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Dr. Ninh Tran, Sapphire Singh, Anne Winning

Absent with Regrets: Emma Cubitt, Sara Collyer, Melanie Golba, Tabaruk Jahan, Councillor Johnson, Richard MacDonald, Councillor McHattie, Tina Moffat, Councillor Pasuta

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Added item 6.2 - Farmer Training in Hamilton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
(Chris Krucker/Dave Carson)**

3.1 Minutes dated October 5, 2011 were approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Clare Wagner provided an update on the Community Garden Coordinator accomplishments over the past year. With the Hamilton Community Garden Network (HGCN), activities focussed on outreach, networking, tools and training in support of the HGCN. There is an active database with 39 gardens, and the coordinator has been instrumental in supporting new community garden leaders to take on the responsibility of running both the existing city gardens and the emerging new gardens. Phase 1 of developing the network has been partially completed, and funding is being sought to complete Phase 1, initiate Phase 2 (strengthen and expand the network), and plan for Phase 3 (making the network a self-sustaining organization).

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Content of possible deputation to the Board of Health in relation to the Community Garden report going forward in December. Public Health Services will be providing an update report to the Board of Health on December 12th regarding the community garden coordinator position. Sarah will submit a request to depute at this meeting to lend support to continue the position with bridge funding until further grant money can be obtained. A small sub-committee including Sarah, Dave and Maceij will work on the submission.

5.2 Sub-committee updates

5.2.1 Policy Sub-committee

5.2.11 Update on Food Charter consultations (addition of new session, CFSSC member sign up). Members identified the session they would attend and will continue to email contacts.

5.2.1.2 Next steps re: the Farmers Market white paper (following up with the Planning Committee). Robert reported that Farmers Markets are considered retail in the planning documents and can be permitted in any location zoned commercial. Members asked if farmers markets might be changed to an as-of-right use? Chris, Sarah and Robert will review the White Paper and produce a list of specific planning related requests, before taking to Planning Committee.

5.2.2 Education and Outreach Sub-committee – A press release was developed to publicize Sarah's Oct. 27 Presentation: Food in Context: Community Food Security in Hamilton. An article was published in the Spectator and a diverse crowd attended. Sarah will share the presentation with members. The sub-committee plans to work on branding and a logo in the new year.

5.2.3 Infrastructure and Procurement Sub-Committee – will revisit priorities for next meeting

5.2.4 Enhanced Community Food Access Sub-committee - Results of the research on where food is available in the city will be presented at December's meeting. It was noted that the Toronto Food Policy Council used their food mapping to show that mobile food delivery trucks would help in food desert neighbourhoods. There was interest from committee members to engage in similar issues depending on the results of the research.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Animal Control By-law - the revised by-law was circulated, with attention to the urban/rural definitions and the ban on urban chickens. CFSSC has discussed the urban chicken issue in the past, but the committee has been split and public health has not supported the idea. There was some discussion that given the controversial nature of the animal control bylaw, it might be worth considering the urban chicken issue separately once the by-law is passed. The four citizen members present felt that there was reason to continue the conversation about urban chickens at a later date.
- 6.2 Farmer Training in Hamilton – Chris Krucker raised a concern that new farmer training initiatives are needed in Hamilton. Chris reported that we are at a critical point, and that making, finding, and growing new farmers is needed. Sarah will try to engage a student to investigate farmer training and city involvement in other locations.
- 6.3 Rheem Building - an interested member of the public asked to speak to the committee regarding the Rheem building in the former north end stadium district. She raised concerns that the building's planned demolition is unnecessary and will further disrupt the community. She suggested that the location could be converted to a food distribution terminal. Karen will connect with infrastructure committee to investigate potential.
- 6.4 Feb is Farm Month – Sapphire and Karen will be working on events for the month.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Ursula Samuels/Maceij Kowalski)

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

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