



Vancouver Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, February 13, 2008
 Social Planning Building, 6pm

Present:

Chair: Andrea Reimer

Council Members: Eva Riccius, Barbara Joughin, Tara McDonald, Trish Kelly, Chris Miewald, Melanie Kurrein, Janine de la Salle, Kim Sutherland, Herb Barbolet, Joyce Rock

Staff: Samara Brock (Social Planning)

Invited Guests: Erika Mundel, Carla Shore

Regrets: Carole Christopher, Doug Aason, Andre LaRivière, Yona Sipos, David Tracey, Devorah Kahn, (Social Planning),

Absent: Peter Ladner (City Council) Shirley Wong (School Board) Spencer Herbert (Parks Board), Matt Low, Susan Kurbis

1. **Opening:**

- 1.1 Introductions - Council Members introduced themselves.
- 1.2 Review Meeting Agenda - Item added under 6.1 New Business Janine added item.
MOTION: Accept agenda. Moved by Kim S, carried unanimously.
- 1.3 Consent Agenda - **MOTION:** To accept consent agenda. Moved by Trish K, carried unanimously. **MOTION:** To accept request of FPC members that requested leave. Moved by Barbara J, carried unanimously.

2. **Updates:**

- 2.1 Strategic Planning Committee - Action Plan - Melanie K
Latest Action Plan circulated. Members were asked to verify their participation as recorded on the Action Plan. A brief overview of the plan to date was presented. After some discussion, the following additions were made:

Action Item (from budget proposal)	Additions
#2	Andrea R, Kim S, Carla S
#7	Carla S
#8	Andrea R
#10	Trish K
#12	Carla S
#20	Tara M, Trish K ACTION: Carole C to clarify.

- 2.2 Communications Committee - Andrea R
 Committee is working with designer on logo production, will meet to discuss Action Items.
- 2.3 Food Charter Workshops - Barbara J
Summary of workshops distributed. Workshop series considered successful with 88 participants in 5 communities identifying 15 next steps. **ACTION:** Barbara J will prepare report on the process. Media coverage - Courier ran a piece on workshops, FPC, much interest received.
- 2.4 2010 Gardens Meeting - Andrea R
 Meeting on Jan 23 was positive. Represented: Real Estate, Engineering, School Board, Park board, City Council, Community Garden Coordinator, Social Planning. The importance of linking the initiative to other mandates was stated. A task force will review 5 Action Items: 1) Policy Coherence, 2) Risk Management, 3) Land Inventory, 4) Toxic Contamination, 5) Non-profit agency for oversight. **ACTION:** Andrea R will follow

up with action items from meeting. Role of FPC to date has been as facilitator, was presented as a resource, next role to be decided.

2.5 Staff Update - Samara B

- UA guidelines for private property are hoped to go to council in April, would like to present guidelines at next meeting. **ACTION:** Samara B to circulate draft version of UA guidelines before next meeting. It was clarified that community garden guidelines are different from UA guidelines.
- VCH contacted SP asking to support a motion (to City Council) to make Vancouver trans-fat free. General agreement from FPC. **ACTION:** Samara B to liaise with VCH; Trish K, Melanie K to sit on sub-committee.
- Food security network liaison with FPC. CFAI to present in April. Suggestion to put on website.
- Annual report goes to council May 1, needs to be in April 17. **ACTION:** Samara B to circulate outline.

3. Action Items

3.1 Public Forum - upcoming opportunities - Andrea R

A paid room is available at Van Dusen for use by the end of April. It was felt that the timeline is too short to prepare an event.

3.2 Membership - new recommended membership appointment - Herb B

Daryl Arnold, farmer, sits on several agricultural advisory committees. **MOTION:** Accept to put Daryl's name forward to the appropriate City committee for inclusion on the FPC. Moved by Herb B, carried unanimously.

It was clarified that all VFPC member terms expire in December of a civic election year and a member may serve a maximum of two terms.

3.3 2008 Budget -

Proposed budget distributed. After some discussion, the following changes were made:

action item	changes	new budget	Notes on changes
#5		\$500	
#6	add \$1600	\$2,000	Matching funds to hire RA
#9		\$2,500	
#10	add \$100	\$300	Healthy snacks for meetings
#11	add \$300	\$800	Tent rental, publicity
#12		\$3,000	
#13		\$3,000	(for #14-16 also)
#20		\$1,000	
#21	add \$400	\$1100	Food for meetings
#22	add \$400	\$800	Facilitator
TOTAL		\$15,000	

MOTION: Accept budget as amended. Moved by Kim S, carried unanimously.

4. Presentation - Farmers Market - Tara M

'Eat local' materials, "Vancouver's Farmers Markets: A Secure Future" document distributed

Vision sheet includes tools and mechanisms for the City, and was part of Social Development Plan that was to go to council in March. The Farmers Market Society is looking for input on

how FPC can support their future work. A Breakfast Briefing will be held with all stakeholders in April.

The presentation gave an overview of the markets' history and evolution, and included economic, social, and environmental benefits to the community. The issue of security for farmers markets was addressed, with examples of how other municipalities have resolved the issue, and recommendations for what could be done in Vancouver.

Suggestions from the FPC:

- Involve Tourism sector
- Connect with Board of Trade
- Emphasize that any industry needs security
- Connect with VANOC procurement policy
- Recommend a permanent, indoor building
- Use Food Charter as leverage
- Explore possibility of inclusion in Eco-Density plan
- Encourage Park Board to include farmers markets as a 'core service'
- Gather letters of support
- Identify and target departments that could act on recommendations

ACTION: Tara M to send Samara B copies of bylaws from other cities. **ACTION:** Samara B will explore possible next steps and report back.

5. Announcements -

- Joyce - from Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House (DTES NH) - distributed brief History of DTES NH, DTES NH Community Consultation and Community development doc and Food Philosophy/Guidelines/Vision doc. DTES NH Vancouver's 9th NH within ANH as of May 2008.
- Carla - Provincial agricultural plan to be released Friday at noon; will be posted on website. Emphasis on eating local, connection with climate change link with food miles. Not translated to dollars. Local Food First will do an analysis then share with group. **ACTION:** Herb B will draft a response.
- Janine - land use planner conference in Winnipeg, a food and agriculture session has been approved. **ACTION:** FPC to follow up with Janine dIS to include materials. **ACTION:** Janine dIS to send Andrea R food related materials to forward to management.

6. New Business

It was reminded that the FPC take measures to ensure proper permissions are in place for any photos used.

Next meeting March 12, Strathcona room, 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- 2.1 **ACTION:** Carole C to clarify action item #20 on Action Plan.
- 2.3 **ACTION:** Barbara J will prepare report on the Food Charter Workshops.
- 2.4 **ACTION:** Andrea R will follow up with action items from the 2010 garden plots meeting.
- 2.5 **ACTION:** Samara B to circulate draft version of UA guidelines before next meeting.
ACTION: Samara B to liaise with VCH; Trish K, Melanie K to sit on sub-committee.
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