

**Vancouver Food Policy Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 26, 2005, 6:30-9:30 pm**

**Present:**

**Council Members:** Barb Seed, Carole Christopher, Herb Barbolet, John Van Luven (chair), Karin Schreurs, Shefali Raja, Spring Gillard, Aron Bjornson, David Van Seters, Heather Pritchard, Sue Moen

**Liaisons:** VSB Trustee Andrea Reimer, VSB Trustee Adrienne Montani, \* Councilor Peter Ladner

**Staff:** Devorah Kahn, Wendy Mendes

\* denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

**Regrets:** Carol Ranger, Brian Holl, Corinne Eisler, Miriam Palacios, Susan Kurbis, Councilor Tim Louis

**Absent:** Graham Riches, \*Arran Stephens, PB Commissioner Eva Riccius, Stephen Hall, Arran Stephens

**1. Introductions**

1.1 Six guests in attendance introduced themselves and their connections to the food system.

**2. Review & Acceptance of the Agenda**

2.1 Agenda accepted with additions under New Business

**3. Review & Acceptance of the minutes from June 28<sup>th</sup>**

3.1 Minutes from June 28<sup>th</sup> accepted as written.

**4. Reports for Information**

4.1 Report to City Council: Report was circulated in advance of the meeting for feedback. Report will be presented to City Council as a progress report for information from the FPC and the FP staff. This change in reporting was made after hearing concerns last month regarding a desire for a collaborated approach between FP staff and Council.

Wendy made note of specific requests. Any additional requests should be sent to Devorah by August 2<sup>nd</sup> to be included in a new draft to be sent out to FPC members soon thereafter.

Once changes are made to the report, it will be sent back to the VFPC for review in a few weeks time. The report needs to be finalized by our meeting in September as it must be submitted to the City Clerk in the first week of October.

All agreed that non-response to the call for comments shows acceptance for its contents.

**4.2 Reports based on VFPC's five goal statements: (due to the short amount of time left, these reports were limited)**

4.2.1 Beekeeping Report went to City Council on July 21. The recommendations to strike hobby beekeeping from the Health by-laws was approved. The report will soon be available on the Food Policy website. Until then, it can be found here:

<http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20050721/documents/pe3.pdf>

**4.3 Reports from 5 priority sub-committees:**

4.3.1 **Goals and Objectives:** some work has occurred since last report. Would like to have 30 - 45 minutes for presentation and discussion at next meeting.

4.3.2 **Waste Management:** Wendy has been in contact with Kevin Van Vleit in Engineering as requested by the sub-committee. She was informed that there is a current waste management review at the GVRD level. Andrea R. suggested that the VSB & PB work together on this initiative. She will talk to Eva R.

4.3.3 **IFFP:** Still waiting to hear about the Sustainable Purchasing Policy Task Force. Devorah will ask Tom Osdoba again at their next meeting.

- 4.3.4 **Access to Groceries:** waiting for FORC report to proceed. Still unclear what the FPC wants re: moving forward with this issue. It feels very large. Sub-committee members need 15 minutes to discuss this further. Peter L. will look into whether the covenant issue has been addressed by City Council.
- 4.3.5 **Food Charter:** A draft of the Food Charter was sent to FPC members in advance for feedback. Carole C. made notes of the recommendations. General sense was that a lot of very good work has gone into the Charter. There was discussion re: the timing of presenting the Charter to City Council.  
**DECISION:** present it after the election, this will give the new council an opportunity to learn about the FPC and familiarize itself with the objectives of the Charter.

4.4 **Request for Review of Food Assessment Research document.** The research team has a final working document. They would like feedback from the FPC. Question to the FPC: should this feedback come from individuals or the FC as a whole.  
**DECISION:** Feedback will come from individuals.  
**ACTION:** Devorah will send out the document (123 pages) and its 2 appendices. Please review it and send comments to Herb or Chris Miewald by the end of September.  
The final document will be posted on the FP website once it is completed. A short version (app. 25 pages) will also be available in the near future.

## 5. Follow up Items Requiring Action

### 5.1 Endorsement Protocol

Carried over from last meeting. Two organizations that made a presentation at June's Community Forum have requested endorsement from the VFPC. No other presenters submitted a request. In addition, 3 more group's have submitted requests for endorsements. How should the VFPC proceed? Does it want to endorse these requests? If so, how will it determine what to endorse and what not? Discussion ensued. David V. suggested we use a "consent agenda" as protocol.

**DECISION:** The VFPC wants to endorse work in the Community. Criteria needs to be established to do this.

**ACTION:** Sue M. will look at other volunteer councils and commissions to see if criteria exists for endorsements and whether any of these fit into the mandate of the VFPC.

## 6 New Business & Inquiries

6.1.1 **Fundraising:** Herb B. proposed a Fundraising idea. There was discussion about the feasibility of fundraising, and whether the FPC should do this. Questions re; whether other FPC's have raised funds and how. This discussion was tabled for another meeting.

6.1.2 **Review of e-mail distribution methods from FP Coordinator:** Herb B. requested that we revisit the way e-mails are distributed i.e. sending information to Devorah who then distributes them. General discussion that most people were satisfied and thankful for the current distribution method and did not want to see it change.

6.1.3 **World Food Day/Week:** Andrea R. mentioned that the report to City Council will be received during World Food Week. Are FPC members interested in complementing the report with some sort of food presentation? Heather stated that FFCF plans to do something, Oxfam is doing something.

**DECISION:** anyone interested in making this happen should contact Andrea.

6.1.4 **Next Community Forum:** Devorah wants to begin planning for a second community forum in October or November. There was a clear desire from the Community to receive information from the FPC. Also wants to know if she should do this on her own or if an ad-hoc committee wants to assist with its development. Tabled to the next meeting.

Meeting ended at 9:37 pm