

Vancouver Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 6:00-8:30pm
Strathcona Room, City Hall

Chair: Carole Christopher

Council Members: Daryl Arnold, Herb Barbolet, Joanne Bays, Maria Burtlehaus, Erika Del Carmen Fuchs, Janine de la Salle, Trish Kelly, Brent Mansfield, Tara McDonald, Ross Moster, Jeff Nield, Cale Price, Joyce Rock, Carla Shore, Yona Sipos, Kim Sutherland, David Tracey, T'Uy'Tanat-Cease Wyss
Liaisons: Heather Deal (City Council), Mary Clare Zak (UASC/Social Development), Liane McKenna (UASC/Parks Board)

Invited Guest: Andrew Pask (Social Development)

Regrets: Doug Aason, Helen Spiegelman, Andre LaRiviere, Jane Bouey (VSB), Aaron Jasper (VPB),

1. **Introductions** - members & guests - Members and seven guests introduced themselves to council.
2. **Agenda and Requests for leave (ROL)** Agenda amended - Kim Sutherland's presentation cancelled. Motions to accept agenda/ROI moved by Trish, seconded by Ross, carried unanimously.

VFPC Terms of Reference/mandate and relevant section of Triple R Review, along with Councillor Reimer's Spring 2009 Motion on Notice, were distributed.

ACTION: Members are asked to review orientation documents for next meeting.

3. **Liaison Updates** - Liane McKenna
 - a. Meeting of Advisory committees rescheduled for September.
 - b. City Hall garden officially opened on June 20.
 - c. City Market - a meeting will be held July 13 regarding the concept. Fuller discussion proposed for the fall.
4. **Social Indicators Report** - Mary Clare Zak & Andrew Pask
Social Development has compiled a report on social indicators, using 2006 census data as a means of examining recent trends. Report is update with each new census (5 years) and can be used to compare Vancouver to other regions. Andrew gave a comprehensive overview of the population, economic security, diversity, and housing trends. Also included were figures on healthy living, community gardens, and food security resources.
Suggestions from members:
 - Delete "food security resources" as heading for areas with vulnerable populations.
 - Explore collaboration/data sharing with health unit/other health bodies with information and resources. Social Planning is working on data sharing with VCH.

ACTION: Presentation will be distributed to members. Contact Andrew P for further information

ACTION: Joanne B. to forward 'Cost of Eating' report to Carole to distribute to FPC members.

Announcements:

Erika: Distributed summary of 'Cultivating Farm-workers' Rights'

Trish: research on regulatory items,

ACTION: Trish to distribute info on organic standards and 'Made in Canada' label.

Carole: distributed Vancouver Food Charter/Brochure & Exec Summary of FSV Baseline Rept.

Ross: Village Vancouver will be at Folk Fest, is willing to bring literature for other groups.

Tara: Announcing two new markets - Wednesday on Maine St; Sunday in Gastown (July/August.)

Kim: Slow Food Vancouver bike tours: Pemberton, Aug 16; Agassiz, Aug 22; Chilliwack, Aug 23.

5. Updates re: ongoing projects

Draft Motion re: Chickens -Trish K

Licensing is meeting with VCH, who has given recommendation on how to mitigate risks. Goal is to have staff report to Council in the fall. New West is being pressured for more permissive by-laws. Village Vancouver has done and will continue to do chicken workshops over the summer.

Draft Motion re: food/beverage guidelines - Maria B

Correspondence is being to Councillor Deal. Councillor Deal has asked staff for update on food carts.

Food Secure Vancouver Study update - Herb B

Have met almost weekly and have been working on indicators. Hope to report fully in the fall, and host forum in Nov/Dec. **MOTION:** Allocate funds for forum to Food Secure Vancouver Study committee. Moved by Carla, seconded by Yona, carried unanimously.

ACTION: Food Secure Vancouver Study Committee to commit date/location for Fall Forum.

Dialogue sessions - Joyce R

One dialogue session could be dedicated to the retailer issue and barriers to accessing a just and sustainable food system. Looking to host the 2010 Forum on subject to be determined.

Book Reviews for Barbara Jo's Books to Cooks - Janine dIS

Wants more titles and commitment to write review(s).

ACTION: Janine will create template for book review, discuss with Barbara Jo, and circulate.

Communication Committee - review communications protocol. Jeff is on Twitter as vanfoodpolicy. Jeff, Janine, Cease will add content to blog. Has met with UASC.

ACTION: Carla will draft press release to promote the UASC.

6. Updates new projects:

Engaging the retailers - David T

In addition to Dialogue session with Retailers (Oct), committee is exploring possible VFPC presentation to March of 2010 Retailers Conference in Vancouver.

ACTION: David & Trish to follow up.

Food Precinct Project - Tara M

Tara gave background of the concept, originally from the Strategic Planning session in March. Need to develop criteria for what each precinct would have. Idea has been picked up by the City in its movement toward empowering neighbourhoods. Real Estate Foundation is interested in funding the consultation process.

City Market - Local Food First and YLFMS are working on concept - a reclaimed building with extensive food infrastructure. Could become a central point for the food precincts.

ACTION: Committee meeting soon to discuss the role of VFPC.

Institutional Food Purchasing Policy - Carole C

VFPC previously wrote a report on IFPP. BCGEU interest spurred a decision to revisit and carry forward with city. Unsure if this remains BCGEU priority but committee will check and be in touch with new contact. Councillor Deal thinks time may be right to move this forward.

ACTION: Councillor Deal will check on the status of the City's Sustainable Purchasing Policy.

ACTION: Carole will send BCGEU contact and earlier IFPP report to members.

ACTION: Committee will carry forward and report in September.

CURA Project with UBC LFSF - Brent M

VFPC was asked to formally approve of partnership with UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems for Community University Research Alliance grant. The project is an opportunity to use schools to examine the role of food in the carbon footprint of public buildings. Partners include UBC's Faculties of Land and Food Systems and Education, as well as community groups and VSB, VCH, and possibly Local Food First!

MOTION: That VFPC be an official partner on CURA grant application, and provide a letter of support for the project. Moved by Cease, seconded by Tara, carried unanimously.
ACTION: Brent and Carole to draft Letter of Support and circulate.

7. *Short Committee meetings* - Action Plan items

Suggestion to have committees meet before in ½ hour before meetings and report during meetings.

ACTION: Carole to send out Action Plan; members to review, sign up for tasks,

ACTION: All Committees plan to meet *either* before September 9th (next meeting date) or at 5:30 prior to meeting.

It was suggested that fundraising be added to priority list.

8. *Other*

VSB community gardening initiative - Brent M

Brent is working with team redrafting VSB policy on school gardens, allowing for more flexibility.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 36pm

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ACTION: IFPP Committee will meet and report in September.

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