

Vancouver Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2006

Present:

Council Members: Barb Seed, Corinne Eisler, David Van Seters, Spring Gillard, Sue Moen, *Karin Schreurs, Herb Barbolet, Susan Kurbis

Co-Chairs: Carol Ranger, John Van Luven

Liaison: *Peter Ladner,

Staff: Wendy Mendes, Devorah Kahn, Mario Lee

* denotes partial attendance

Regrets: Carole Christopher, Graham Riches, Aron Bjornson, Shefali Raja

Absent: Stephen Hall, Miriam Palacios, Heather Pritchard

1. Introductions

4 guests introduced themselves to the Council

2. Review of the Agenda - Addition of Agenda Items:

9.1 Parks Board Food Concession Stands

9.2 Welcome from FPC

9.3 Snacks

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

4. Review & Acceptance of the minutes from April 25th, 2006

4.1 Minutes accepted as amended. 5.3.1 - *please change*: "have communicated with Andrew Pask" rather than "met with".

5. Correspondence:

5.1 letter of resignation from Brian Hall

5.2 letter of resignation from John Van Luven

6. Business Arising:

6.1 *Report back from sub-committees re: next steps:*

6.1.1 Food Charter - revised DRAFT Food Charter distributed - presentation of recommended changes. This is part 1 of 2 pieces of the Food Charter, which will be amended accordingly. This revision incorporates public consultation changes suggested September 2005. Barbara reviewed revisions with the FPC. See handout. Also suggested were pictures, a visual representation of the charter. **Next Steps:** Food Charter - add some graphics, return to public consultants for review, and return to next meeting with suggested revisions. The sub-committee would also like to take the Charter into the community and schools for discussion, part of the process before taking a draft Charter before City council. The sub-committee will be strategizing a presentation to council. The sub-committee would like to get input from the community before making any further revisions. It was suggested that a greater effort be made to include ethnic community members in the consultation process AND that food security advocacy be addressed in the Charter. Revisions approved by consensus.

6.1.2 Waste - 7 sections, recommendations - feedback requested. Engineering department suggestions incorporated into document. Also consulted was the City Sustainability department. See handout. Recommendations put forward: develop City of Vancouver program; engage in communications with other municipalities. Sub-committee advised to send a draft or summary to Susan Anton through Councilor Ladner, liaison for the FPC, prior to circulation to City council. Sub-committee suggestions: the implementation of an educational program; a commercial hotline and a list of the (business / other) opportunities / a device to donate food. Recommendations read to the FPC from DRAFT document. **Action:** Waste Report - this report requires editing and Devorah will look for an editor at FP Council expense.

6.1.3 Institutional Food Purchasing Policy - Minute revised subsequent to June 27, 2006 meeting:

- It is too soon to bring this issue to City Council for policy action. Much work needs to be on internal education within the City and development of practical implementation strategies and framework guidelines for the City. **DECISION:** At this point this is beyond the scope and resources of the IFPP sub-committee.
- There may be opportunity with Parks and we may want to look into the current issue of privatization of Park-board concessions. **ACTION:** Corrine to forward healthy school food guidelines and VCH vending machines to committee for further use.
- City planning staff have offered to work with the IFPP group on looking into how to move forward with this process.
- It has been set out by the IFPP sub-committee and supported by planning staff that a short document would be a useful tool in promoting and education around the issues. **ACTION:** An executive summary or policy brief of the IFPP background document (2005) will be completed prior to the July meeting of the VFPC.
DECISION: We need to wait for the results from the triple R review to be able to create and action plan. To be revisited at that time.

6.2 Review and follow-up of Action Items from April meeting:

6.2.1 Alternates - addendum from the floor - "Member informs Chair of Alternate, on first visit the member will introduce the Alternate and invite them to join the table." **Decision:** all in agreement

6.2.2 Membership Committee - report on criteria & processes to date - awaiting the RRR Review. Term extension may have to be discussed. Planning should start in anticipation of September. (Devorah Kahn (Chair), Herb Barbolet and Barb Seed - committee members) **Action:** Membership will be a longer discussion at June meeting.

6.2.3 Communication Committee report - Spring:

- 1) Wendy has liaised with Communications Dept to determine if we can access media training from them. Devorah reminded us that we now have a budget of \$15,000. Its

possible that funds from the budget can be used in this matter should the FPC choose to.

2) Two media training courses are being held by the City, Devorah will look into attending and whether one or two FPC members can join her.

3) Andrew Pask, researcher in Social Planning has begun to distribute the Seasonal Update to our distribution list. A quarterly submission to the Seasonal Update by a FPC member would be welcomed.

7. Reports:

- 7.1 Food Policy Coordinator - consent item
- 7.2 Food System Planner - **Tabled**. (*Wendy's last meeting in June*)
- 7.3 VFPC member reports - Steering Committee had a meeting with Social Planning Dept. Social Planning responsible to City Council, so improved communications between the FPC and Social Planning will be beneficial.

8. Other Business:

- 8.1 Councilor Ladner - will be presenting a motion (see handout) to City Council on Tuesday May 30th: " 2010 Community Garden plots by 2010". Input was invited and request for endorsement of motion, and participation as key partner was requested. The motion will be posted on the City web page. Once announced, Food Policy staff will develop definitions, resources, criteria and timelines. Councilor Ladner requested a FPC representative attend the media event.
Decision: agreement to support motion and participate as key partner.
Action: Spring Gillard to attend media event
- 8.2 Process for filling interim co-chair position - Thanks given to John Van Luven, exiting Co-Chair. Carol will approach the Steering Committee for a volunteer to fill the vacant position, effective immediately. If there is no interest it will come back to full council for an election. If filled there will then be an opening on the Steering Committee.
Decision: agreement with process
Action: Carol to approach steering committee members
- 8.3 Part 2: Next steps to implementation of (small work group) **All Tabled**
 - 8.3.1 Debate & Dialogue
 - 8.3.2 Educationals
 - 8.3.3 Food Entrepreneur & food awards
 - 8.3.4 Developing objectives

9. Other Business:

- 9.1 Concessions - Parks Board - see 6.1.3
- 9.2 FPC - Welcome to the Conference - **Tabled**

Summary of Actions

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- 6.1.3 **Action:** Corrine to forward healthy school food and VCH vending machine guidelines to committee
- 8.1 **Action:** Spring to attend 2010 gardens media event
- 8.2 **Action:** Carol to contact steering committee re: interim co-chair

Meeting adjourned @ 9:26