

# Vancouver Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday, May 24, 2005

### Present:

- **Council Members:** Brian Holl, Carol Ranger (co-chair), Carole Christopher, David Van Seters, Heather Pritchard, Herb Barbolet, Spring Gillard, Stephen Hall, Sue Moen, Susan Kurbis, Miriam Palacios, Karin Schreurs, John Van Luven (co-chair), Graham Riches.
- **Liaisons:** VSB Trustee Andrea Reimer
- **Staff:** \*Devorah Kahn

### Regrets:

- Barb Seed, Shefali Raja, Councilor Tim Louis, Councilor Peter Ladner, VSB Trustee Adrienne Montani, PB Commissioner Eva Riccius

### Absent:

- Aron Bjornson, Corinne Eisler, Arran Stephens

\* attended part of the meeting

#### 1. Introductions all around.

#### 2. Review & acceptance of the agenda.

Agenda accepted as written with an addition to Item 6 - Item of interest from the VSB.

#### 3. Review & acceptance of the minutes from April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes from April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as written.

#### 4. Business Arising:

4.1. Public Forum Update: Devorah reported the progress and decisions of the ad-hoc sub-committee. Herb B. questioned if the ad-hoc committee was charged with the responsibility to make decisions or report back to the VFPC for direction. Council members supported having the ad-hoc committee make decisions due to the limited amount of time. To date, six proposals have been submitted. The deadline is one day away. The VFPC supported soliciting presentations. Terra & Devorah will work to fill the slate of presenters if there is a shortage by deadline.

4.2. Approval of funding for IFPP sub-committee research assistant. The VFPC has a budget of \$15,000 for the calendar year. Devorah suggested a breakdown of approximately \$2500 for each sub-ctte and \$5000 for the VFPC as a whole. Expenses for the VFPC include refreshments for meetings, paying someone to take minutes at the meeting, Public Forum expenses, etc.

**DECISION:** 1. Approval of \$1500 for IFPP research. 2. Council members prefer to review each request on a case by case basis, keeping in mind the limited funding that exists.

**ACTION:** 1. Devorah will send a copy of the IFPP request for funding to the VFPC members (attached) 2. Devorah will bring financial statements to the VFPC with future funding requests.

#### 5. Old Business & Reports:

##### 5.1. Sub-committee reports:

5.1.1. **Access to Groceries.** Waiting for FORC report to be available to continue work. One volunteer has moved away.

5.1.2. **Food Charter.** Thanked VFPC for feedback from last meeting. Carol C. met with Wendy Mendes who suggested the charter strongly refer to sustainability. . There is still lots of work to do.

5.1.3. **Institutional Food Purchasing Policy.** Received background document from Janine. Still reviewing a large amount of of content. Hope to have a more detailed report at June meeting.

5.1.4. **Food Recovery.** The group feels stuck with too much information. Networking needs to be done to avoid duplication of efforts. The group is experiencing some challenges with finding meeting times to suit everyone.

5.1.5. **Goals & Objectives.** Still working on review but needs to find a time to meet. David has developed a "logic model" but recommends re-viewing the work and possibly starting over with a simpler strategy.

## 6. New Business:

6.1.1 Spring G. reported on the training session she attended earlier in the month for volunteer council/commission members. She suggests that all VFPC members attend this session, which was excellent. Comments from other VFPC members suggested that we aim to have representation at each session, which occurs approximately twice a year.

6.1.2. International Symposium on Food & Human Rights. Graham R. spoke of the symposium which is honouring the UBC School of Social Work's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The symposium will look at food & human rights from a policy perspective. Graham asked if eth VFPC wants to endorse the symposium. Response was positive.

6.1.3. Andrea R. informed us that the VSB is reviewing the adoption of an Ethical Purchasing Policy. Currently there is no central purchasing department and all schools make purchases independently. The VSB is supporting each school in its ability to make ethical purchases by creating a package that will assist them with finding fair trade products for food and sports equipment.

6.1.4. Herb reported on the Food assessment research project. It is almost ready to circulate. There will be 2 versions, a 100 and a 25 page version. The intention is to circulate it to all VFPC members.

At this point guests and staff left.

Meeting moved in-camera to discuss item 6.2

### 6.2 Exploring linkages between the work of FP staff and council, and related issues.

Meeting came out-of-camera.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm