

Vancouver Food Policy Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 15, 2015  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Town Hall Room, City Hall



**Chairs:** Zsuzsi Fodor and Tara Moreau

**Council Members:** Rebecca Cuttler, Caitlin Dorward, Antonietta Gesualdi, Chashma Heinze, Kimberly Hodgson, Will Jung, Ilana Labow, Emme Lee, Stephanie Lim, Pat McCarthy, David Speight, Colin Stansfield,

**Liaisons:** Adriane Carr (City Council), Heather Deal (City Council), James O'Neill (Social Policy, City of Vancouver), Theresa Duynstee (MetroVan), Corinne Eisler (VCH), Janet Fraser (VSB), Orlando Schmidt (MoAg), Sarah Carten (Social Policy, City of Vancouver)

**Regrets:** Anna Cavouras, Veronik Campbell, Larry Copeland,

**Absent:** Andrew Christie, Dirk Gibbs, Gabrielle Kissinger, Michael Wiebe (Park Board)

#### Agenda Items:

##### 1. Roundtable Check-in

The meeting began with a Vantage Point activity "Wise whys and Glad gifts" where each member was asked two questions: *What are you passionate about?* and *What talents are you happy to bring to the council?*

Members introduced themselves and shared their answers.

Responses to "wise whys" related to the following themes: Sustainable food: triple bottom line, sustainability, ecosystem balance; Equity & social justice; Climate change adaptation; Local/regional food security; Dialogue & diversity: participation, engagement, diversity, inclusion; Knowledge: sharing, learning; Education & school food; Technology.

Responses to "glad gifts" included the following contributions: Food policy/systems knowledge: expertise, unique perspectives; Strategy & guidance: planning, systems thinking; Communication & outreach; Research; Willingness.

##### 2. Motion to Accept Agenda and Previous Minutes

Moved by Tara, seconded by Zsuzsi, carried unanimously.

##### 3. Strategic Planning Part II

Following on the previous meeting, the four parts of the planning wheel were reviewed with focus on: *How will we work together?* and *What will we work on?*

The list of *what's not working* and *what is working* from the previous meeting was compiled, and circulated prior to meeting. It was noted the FPC loosely follows Roberts Rules.

Members and guests then brainstormed possible solutions to *what's not working*.

Members were asked to propose working groups and add their names, noting if they will be members or leads.

The working groups will be presented at the November meeting.

Working groups & leads/members:

Working Group	Lead	Members
GE Foods		Pat Tara, Emme?
Development		Colin Ben Newman
False Creek (possibly folding into Developments)	David	Rebecca Caitlin Pat
Operations ("sharing the load")	Will and/or Ilana	Jenn Fong Emme
Orientation	Kim	Caitlin Saber Miresmailli Emme?
School Food & Kids: Access, Literacy, Children's Right to Food		Kim Jon Anthony Vicky Orlando Janet Antonietta Jenn Fong Vania Ling David Ilana
Endorsements EG. Meatless Mondays	Will and/or Caitlin	
Right to Food		Steph Zsuzsi Antonietta Pat Jenn Fong Jon Anthony
Liaisons	Kim	Zsuzsi
Food Production	Chashma	Masanari Ishii Pat
Food System Priorities - Based on the Vancouver Food Strategy		Chashma Caitlin Vania Ling Corinne Orlando Antonietta Kim Steph Theresa
Soil/Waste		Will Theresa Emme
Procurement		Colin Pat
Disaster/Preparedness		Theresa Will Saber Miresmailli Kim Ben Newman David

#### 4. Co-Chair Transition

Zsuzsi will step down and would like one year to transition, before her term will be up. A call has been sent out with a few responses received. It was suggested that an Executive Committee be formed to support the Chairs, and that the Chairs' role be revised. Kim and Emme would like to participate on the Executive, and Caitlin will consider the revised Co-Chair role.

**ACTION:** convene a working group to explore what new a leadership structure could be. Report back with proposal in November. Each member will receive a self-reflection email to complete and send back.

#### 5. Updates

- City Staff Update and Liaisons

Heather - has reviewed meeting agendas (noting that council members usually get limited notice when reports go to council) and suggests the following current initiatives that the FPC may want to have input on: homeless action week (food aspects), budget process, new environmental standards for city streets (relates to soils), sport hosting program (healthy eating for healthy bodies), and a report on human support for refugees. There will also be opportunity to contribute to the following upcoming projects: Georgia viaducts, liquor policy, and three large scale developments (Jericho lands, former RCMP site at Cambie, Oakridge), which will be subject to the new sustainability guidelines for large developments. The Land Use policies are decided before development happens. It was noted that potential impacts to the Strathcona gardens from the removal of viaducts, fall under the False Creek Flats development.

The 'Renewable City' plans are the next phase of the Greenest City Action Plan, and will go to council on Nov 3. These will require changes around food policy and production. For example, there may be opportunity to use excess heat for food production. One of the ten goals is Food. The document will be public two weeks prior to going to council; input can be made then. Members were reminded that they are welcome to address City Council, and that they are given priority.

Janet

- An agreement was made between the VSB and the CoV to allocate \$400k to feeding students. While the bureaucracy is slow, the funds will provide lunch and/or breakfast for many students in need.
- It was also noted that the FPC may want to provide input into the VSB 5 year strategic plan, as this process will begin soon.

James

- World food day - Milan Food Pact - a media release will speak to Vancouver's role, and mention the FPC and the Sustenance Festival. Vancouver is one of 45 cities globally to sign the pact.
- Renewable city - Plan will go to council November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Kitchen use study - interviews are being conducted for study to begin study next week. The report is expected to be completed by year's end. A member of the FPC is expected to attend the final presentation.

Sarah

Infrastructure warehouse and storage - this has been identified as a need in the community, and input from FPC is welcome (e.g. what models currently exist). Pat, Ilana, Orlando, Colin, and Cheshma volunteered to provide input.

It was estimated that 85% of James' time is spent working on food policy. Staff members in other departments also work on food issues. Some time is spent on preparing updates for the FPC in the days leading up to meetings, as well as meeting with members, as needed. James is welcome to receiving emails from members about specific issues.

- VFPC “Old and New” Social Chats Debrief  
This agenda item was tabled.
- Eat Think Vote Debrief, Advancing Municipal Food Policy Project & Sustenance  
This agenda item was tabled.
- Working Group Updates
  - False Creek Flats - it was found that some assets are not moveable and may be locked down. Update will be circulated by email.
  - GE Motion/Panel Discussion/Response to Council Call for Support  
Pat and Emme joined the working group. It was suggested it could be a themed meeting in January.  
**ACTION:** Orlando will follow up with speaker idea.
- November Meeting Homework  
**ACTION:** Every member is asked to read the Food Strategy before the next meeting, and be prepared with any questions for liaisons and staff, and/or to identify any gaps. James will provide an update on implementation.

6. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Stephanie, carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:33.