

1 **Local Foods Policy Council Meeting Minutes**  
2 **Tuesday, June 11, 2012**  
3 **Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Admin. Center**  
4 **1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, IL**

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6 **Members present:** Capel, Henning, Satterthwaite, Roach, Farrell, Kennedy, Riddle, Hamelberg,  
7 Uken

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9 **Members Absent:** None

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11 **Others present:** Patti Petrie, Gary Maxwell (County Board members)

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13 **Call to Order**

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15 Patti Petrie, County Board member, called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. She explained she  
16 oversee the meeting until the time of the election of a Chair.

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18 **Welcome and Introductions**

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20 Each of the committee members introduced themselves and gave a brief explanation of their interests  
21 in local foods.

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23 **Approval of Agenda**

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25 **Motion** by Capel to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by Kennedy. **Motion**  
26 **carried.**

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28 **Election of Officers**

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30 Petrie explained since this council was approved by the County Board, they are a public body  
31 subject to the Open Meetings Act and that they're required to complete on-line training on the Attorney  
32 General's website. She also mentioned the agenda and meeting materials will be placed on the Local  
33 Foods Policy Council section of the County's website. She also mentioned that if the council chooses to  
34 apply for grants, they should contact the County Administrator as to the process for doing so. Petrie  
35 said she purposely chose not to be on the council because she desired it made entirely of community  
36 citizens.

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38 **Motion** by Capel to nominate Satterthwaite as Committee Chair; seconded by Farrell. **Motion**  
39 **carried unanimously.**

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41 At this time, Satterthwaite assumed the Chair's position for the meeting.  
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43           Roach volunteered to act as Committee Vice Chair; seconded by Capel. **Motion carried**  
44 **unanimously.**

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46           Capel volunteered to act as Committee Secretary; seconded by Farrell. **Motion carried**  
47 **unanimously.**

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49 **Public Participation**

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51           There was no public participation.

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53 **Determination of Regular Meeting Day/Time**

54 **Determination of Regular Meeting Location**

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56           The committee determined to meet every two weeks, or twice a month, in the beginning and  
57 see how it goes from there. Consensus of the committee to meet at 5:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
58 Wednesdays of each month at the Brookens Administrative Center in the Jennifer Putman meeting  
59 room.

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61 **Discussion: Review of Resolution No. 8069 and next steps**

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63           Satterthwaite asked for the committee members' initial thoughts about what the committee  
64 would like to do over the next couple of years. Roach asked for someone from a food hub to talk to the  
65 committee. Uken said that perhaps a good way to start is to take an inventory of what is going on with  
66 local food, such as how many restaurants are using local food. He said it is not an easy task, but in  
67 order to determine where to go from here, we need to find out where we're at.

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69           Capel suggested that we look at a directory published by a group called Buy Fresh Buy Local,  
70 that you have to be a member of and she does have their directory. Satterthwaite asked that, when  
71 doing this inventory, if we are going to confine ourselves to Champaign County. He said there are  
72 others from outside Champaign County that sell at the farmer's market in Urbana. Discussion  
73 continued.

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75           Kennedy suggested talking with similar bodies and find out what they're doing. Farrell said  
76 she thought the U of I is pledging to use a certain percentage of local food on campus. Henning said  
77 there are a couple of policies there. One is ICAP and it has a certain percentage and radius to work  
78 within and then they have their own housing policy council and they use their own percentage. He said  
79 there is an Illinois Food and Farms Act that he thought stated any state agency must purchase at least  
80 20% of local food by the year 2020. He tries to work within Illinois borders. Brief discussion  
81 continued.

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83 Satterthwaite stated this committee should pin down a few priorities and come back to make  
84 headway. He said we should keep it realistic and use our own time. Satterthwaite asked for a few  
85 ideas and pick priorities from that list. They reviewed the resolution's bulleted items. Hamelberg  
86 mentioned that a lot of people have heard about the formation of this council and she feels we should  
87 come up with a public identity and invite people to come and talk and involve them in this process. It  
88 was noted the Illinois Stewardship Alliance has a website and does have a directory on their website and  
89 it includes Bloomington, Champaign, Danville and Springfield areas. Extensive discussion continued.  
90 Uken stated he has been involved in this area before but the challenge in Champaign County is having  
91 the suppliers in the county. He knows the demand is there, but the supply is the missing gap. It was  
92 mentioned this is a difficult business to get started. Uken asked if it was possible to get a list of  
93 vendors at the local farmers markets and build a list from there.

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95 Satterthwaite talked about Sola Gratia farm. Faith in Place gave the St. Matthew church in  
96 Urbana a \$25,000 grant to get started on their farm. He thought there may be a lot of churches that  
97 have land in their portfolio to do the same. Henning wondered, if organizationally regarding  
98 information sharing, the committee was interested in an on-line management base camp. It could be a  
99 place to view all the lists submitted by committee members. Discussion continued.

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101 Satterthwaite said, as far as an inventory is concerned, he will contact the local farmers' markets  
102 for a list of vendors. Henning said he will supply a list of the vendors he uses as well. Petrie state she  
103 could obtain a list of other similar councils to find out what they're doing. Uken said he will contact  
104 Todd Rusk to give a background at the next meeting or another soon after that, depending on what is on  
105 the next agenda. Capel said in her experience there are a lot of small farmers and a lot of end users,  
106 but there is no way to make the connection between the two. Uken agreed. Discussion continued.

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108 Satterthwaite would like to try to keep future meetings under two hours and the other council  
109 members agreed. Petrie said she would try to keep her website updated from time to time and said  
110 her site is Pattsipetrie.info and to click on news.

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112 **Other Business**

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114 Petrie introduce Gary Maxwell, County Board member and he said it seemed there are some  
115 good ideas being talked about this evening.

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117 **Adjourn**

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119 Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

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121 Respectfully submitted,

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123 Ranae Wolken  
124 Recording Secretary