

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the January 9, 2013 Meeting

Members Present: Tod Satterthwaite; Rebecca Roach; Mary Ellen Farrell; Zach Kennedy; Brad Uken; Maya Bauer

Guests: Patti Petrie

1. Call to Order—Meeting called to order at 5:45pm
2. No amendments to the agenda
3. Minutes of 6/27/2012 approved
4. No members of the public were present
5. Discussion of Additional Criterion for Evaluating Rezoning Requests—Proposed language to bring to ELUC for approval before forwarding to ZBA:
“Effects of proposed development on the current and potential local food capability of the subject site and surrounding lands.”
Our group will compose supporting statements as info/introduction for the committee chairs and board in order to gain a foothold. This memo would be part of their Feb. agendas and members of LFPC could be present/available to answer questions.
6. Strategic Planning—The group started working on a logic model template introduced by Zach and Maya. Lists of Resources, Activities, Priorities, and Outcomes were started. Discussion will continue in forthcoming meetings. What we have so far includes:

RESOURCES

- DCEO-Todd Rusk; Paul Faraci
- IFB and UIUC Extension
- Planning Depts at UIUC-BIF; DURP; ACES
- Other Local Food Policy Councils
- Farmers’ Markets
- Common Ground Food Co-Op and other Co-Ops
- Land Connection
- Local Farmers
- End-Users/Consumers
- Illinois Stewardship Alliance
- Distributor Networks

ACTIVITIES

- Amend LESA
- Amend RRO criteria
- Investigate grant funding
- Develop LF inventory/resources
- Create a web presence
- Support of 10% rule
- Insure land availability

- Hunger banquets
- Buyers/Sellers convocations and facilitation
- Fund raisers
- Marketing ourselves
- Producers' needs assessments
- Farmer's Share meals

PRIORITIES

Model these on the points from the Federal document "Food Policy Councils: Lessons Learned": "The central aim of most of today's Food Policy Councils is to identify and propose innovative solutions to improve local or state food systems, making them more environmentally sustainable and socially just. FPCs have an important role as clearinghouses of food system information; drawing information, data, and opinions from many different sources. Councils do research, conduct public education and advocacy, organize a supportive constituency, and even provide resources. Broadly, one purpose of Food Policy Councils is to coordinate the broad array of people working on specific initiatives and programs into a unified movement that can create political will to bring about social change."

OUTCOMES

- Knowledge about and access to the local food system
 - Clearinghouse of information and opportunities for producers
7. Announcements—Tod will be attending the Specialty Grower's Conference in Springfield, Jan 10-11.
 8. Other Business—discussion of next meeting's agenda
 9. Meeting adjourned at 7pm