

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2014, 5:45 P.M.
BROOKENS ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
JENNIFER PUTMAN ROOM

Present: Tod Satterthwaite; Becky Roach; Zach Kennedy; Maya Bauer; Mel Farrell; Chris Henning; Brad Uken; Steve Herriott

Guests: Patti Petrie; Marcia Powell; Bob Lawerson

1. Call to Order
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda—move d) to a) in #5
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Participation—Marcia Powell, a landowner in Ogden brings a permaculture expert from Florida [Bob]. Is trying to connect up and find out what's going on. Intends to turn a portion into a "Food Forest". The Savannah Institute.org [Restoration Institute]. Wants to set up on her land a model for others to see
5. Old Business
 - a. Guest Commentary progress—Still in Cathe's court. She wasn't present.
 - b. Rantoul Food Hub report—No report. Committees set to gear up soon. The soil issues are being worked out, although EPA has signed off, however testing issues for Agent Orange are a hangup.
 - c. Dining Services/local food report—Met with permaculture experts and farmers at UI to talk about crop successes/failures. I.e., currants; what to do with overabundance of tomatoes. Use of lab to make products [pizza sauce]
 - d. Focus Group, Jan. 22, 2014
 - i. What feedback would we like from the participants?
Direction, energy that they see our group taking
Gaps in information
Buy-in from the community
Supportive resources; expertise; networking

Realistic policies upon which we could focus. i.e., percentages of local food usage by county bodies. Mention a goal and assess feasibility.

Big picture of what's achievable and what's not

Future of local foods in this county

[discussion of how to leverage purchasing and incentives with the state policies of favoring "local" businesses].

- ii. Set Agenda—Go over our charge; highlights of what we've been doing. Where do they think we should spend our time. Things that would have an outcome. Website. Rantoul effort.
[Tod has heard back from a couple of people so far. Invitation went out on 1/3 to @15 people]. Meeting is Jan. 22, 6pm at Farm Bureau 801 Country Fair Drive.

6. New Business—Extension announcement about Peoria Food Hub. Info coming soon.
7. Legislative Update—Maya mentioned Co-op partnership with ISA to bring information directly to customers. No word on FSMA as yet.
8. Announcements—Tod went to ACRES. Permaculture; composting presentations; CSA in Pennsylvania [2400 members]. They deliver and do wholesale, quite successful; hog farming from conventional to organic—now supplies Chipotle. Co-op will rollout composting throughout the store, via Mulberry Orchards. "How Good" rating system on factors of locality and labor practices will be used in the store as well.
9. Adjourn—6:45