

Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2022 - 5:30 pm
Northeast Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room, 1530 Johnson St NE

Members Present: Jenny Breen (Co-Chair), Marcus Kar (Co-Chair), Kevalin Aulandez, Jason Brisson, Keely Cervantes, Matt Croaston, Kevin Ellis, Brandon Griffin, Rebecca Gross, Kim Havey, Andrea Inouye, Kevin Keopraseuth/Anne Stahn, Kristen Klingler, Will Lucker, James Miller, Tricia Nelson, and Kirsten Weigle (Quorum: 13)

Members Absent: Jhaelynn Elam, Danielle Isaacson, Leslie Modrack, Elizabeth Mullen, Devon Nolen, Helen Schnoes, and Julie Wong

Staff : Alison Babb, Patty Bowler, Grace Rude, Tong Thao

Call To Order

1. Roll Call.

Co-Chair Marcus Kar led the Food Council, community members, and staff introductions.

Co-Chair Kar led an ice breaker activity. Food Council members and guests were encouraged to share a picture on their phones of something food related with a nearby peer.

Quorum Present

2. Adoption of the agenda.

Motioned by Brandon Griffin and seconded by Will Lucker.

Action Taken: Adopted

3. Acceptance of minutes

Motioned by Will Lucker and seconded by Kevin Ellis.

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Action Taken: Accepted

Discussion

4. Minneapolis Food Plan (Margaret Adamek, Terra Soma)
 1. Updates
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Discussion

Margaret Adamek (Maggi) gave a brief introduction of the Minneapolis Food Plan (MFP) to Food Council members and community members present. The MFP is a 2033 roadmap for a more equitable, climate resilient, just and sustainable local food system and local food economy with strategies, actions, and measurable outcomes. There has been an extended development process due to COVID-19. Currently, the Food Council is between the drafting and approval phases of the MFP timeline.

Maggi further explained that based on the results of the October Food Council meeting Menti poll about some of the language used in the document, the Food Council has decided on the terms “priority” instead of “pathways” and the use of “culturally relevant” throughout the document.

After the November Food Council meeting, Maggi will make some updates to the plan. The updated document will go out to the peer reviewers and also be used for the online public feedback form. The metrics will be included in the that version of the draft.

At the December meeting, the Food Council will participate in a structured review of the proposed metrics, decide on a final name for the plan and vote on endorsing the plan.

2. Tour of the Newest Draft Food Plan

a. Presentation

b. Discussion

Maggi led a discussion about what refinements to the current draft Food Plan council members are most excited about.

The majority of the Food Council members noted that they were most excited about the following: relevant examples that are included in the plan, case studies, proud moments, more info setting the context of the times we’re in, the organization and layout of the document, metrics, etc.

[Food Plan Slides](#)

Action Taken: Received and filed

5. Motion: Extend timeline by two months to develop and include winnable goals from other communities as examples of policies that could be implemented.

Co-Chair Jenny Breen summarized the thoughts the Food Council Executive Committee had about the October Food Council Motion to extend the MFP timeline by 2 months and include sample actions from other cities. Co-Chair Breen mentioned there was discussion that perhaps the decision may not have been made with enough timing to thoroughly consider all the details of the motion. As such, the Food Council Executive Committee is making the recommendation to revise the original motion (“Extend timeline by two months to develop and include winnable goals as examples of policies

that could be implemented”) to include the following wording, “...from other communities”. All the Food Council members present were given the opportunity to share their thoughts on this matter and voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Maggi clarified that once this plan is endorsed by City Council, the implementation plan, which will include more detailed actions, will be developed.

Motioned by Co-Chair Marcus Kar and seconded by Will Lucker.

Action Taken: Approved

Announcements

6. Food Council member and community member announcements if time permits

Co-Chair Breen gave a brief acknowledgement of the election.

Alison Babb, Homegrown Program Manager, announced that the USDA’s Farm Service Agency in Minnesota is hiring an Urban County Executive Director. The position is posted on USAjobs.gov and is closing on Nov 28, 2022.

Alison Babb also announced that the Emerging Farmers Conference is this weekend and congratulated Grace Rude on her permanent position as the Homegrown Minneapolis Public Health Specialist II.

Food Council member Brandon Griffin gave a brief update of his experience attending the Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan’s Circular Economy Work Group. He encourages Food Council members to attend future meeting if they are able.

Food Council member Keely Cervantes announced that she will be on maternity leave in December and possibly January.

Action Taken: Received and filed

Adjournment

Next Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council meeting: Dec 14, 2022 Location - TBD