

**Minutes of: Food System Council**

<b>Date:</b> December 16, 2010	<b>Location:</b> CASEE Center, 11104 NE 149 <sup>th</sup> St. Brush Prairie, WA 98606	<b>Recorded by:</b> Elspeth Durek
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<b>Time:</b> 4:00-6:00pm	<b>Mtg. chaired by:</b> Theresa Cross	<b>Reviewed by:</b> Team
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**Present:** Sandy Brown, Bill Cestnik, Theresa Cross, Elspeth Durek, Dion Hess, Jhon Kuppens, Anne Lawrence, Ron McKnight, Debe Nagy-Nero, Kristine Perry, Tricia Mortell, Gayle Rothrock, Summer Steenbarger, Doug Stienbarger **Guests:** Brendon Haggerty, Clark county Public Health  
**Absent:** Paul Childers, Bill Coleman, Greta Holmstrom, Anna Petruolo, Bruce Pregel, Amy Sidran, Jill teVelde

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Theresa called the meeting to order and introductions were made.		
<b>Meeting Minute Approval</b>	Minutes approved.		
<b>Brief Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>WSU Chancellor Seminar:</b> Sandy reported that the December 10<sup>th</sup> “Regaining Control of the Food System” was a good seminar and sold out. Speaker Philip Howard pointed out that although there were only 4-5 major companies controlling the entire food business, there were options and what other communities were doing. Cathy Insler from Burgerville did a good job on how they use local, sustainable resources.</li> <li>▪ <b>Healthy Retail Project:</b> This CPPW project is moving forward and working with 2 stores: St Johns IGA and ARCO Quick Stop, to improve layout and signage with the goal of increasing and promoting healthy food offerings and sales.</li> <li>▪ <b>15<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Food Security Coalition Conference</b> – taking place in Oakland, CA, on November 5-8, 2011. Go to <a href="http://www.CommunityFoodConference.org">www.CommunityFoodConference.org</a> for details.</li> <li>▪ <b>The 2010 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act</b> – Tricia passed out the highlights of this act that strengthens nutrition guidelines and programs, which has been signed into law. How it will all be implemented remains to be determined.</li> <li>▪ <b>The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act with the Tester amendment</b> that exempts small farms from some of the stricter food safety requirements, was passed by the US Senate. The bill now goes on to be voted on in the House.</li> <li>▪ <b>Multnomah Food Action Plan</b> – Tricia passed the executive summary – full report available on line at <a href="http://www.multnomahfood.org">http://www.multnomahfood.org</a>.</li> <li>▪ <b>Healthy Children’s Plan</b> - Debe reported that the National Restaurant Association is coming out with guidelines for healthy children’s meals to be in compliance with federal guidelines. Debe is working with Washington Restaurant Association on their healthy entrée program, and Burgerville is moving to 8oz cartons of 1% milk.</li> </ul>	<p>Continue to provide updates on this grant project.</p> <p>Support and follow the outcome of this bill.</p>	



<p><b>Food Data/ Mapping/ Planning</b></p>	<p><i>Speaker: Brendon Haggerty, Clark County Public Health</i>                  Brendon, who has a background in urban planning, presented data and information on food store classification and mapping. The 20 year Growth Management Update, part of the Comprehensive Plan and due in 2014, is an opportunity to reshape the landscape and include access to healthy food as a component of planning. Brendon discussed the Retail Food Environment Index (RFEI) which is the number of Convenience Store + Fast Food Restaurants divided by the number of Food Markets + Grocery stores + Supermarkets. The higher the index number, the higher the number of convenience stores in relation to healthier grocery stores. This index varies according to geographic criteria used, e.g. zip codes or neighborhood, and so is difficult to plot and interpret. There is a slight correlation with walk ability and poverty; as income increases, density of convenience stores decreases.                  Discussion questions were: Given this data, what research should happen? And should we prioritize? How do we use the food environment data?                  What geography is most appropriate for measuring food access? Other difficulties with mapping include where to place CSAs and emergency food systems.                  Who else should hear about this?                  The Growth Management Plan can use the data to direct the development of housing and infrastructure.</p>	<p>Brendon will send his PPT slides to Tricia.                   Public Health will be working with the city to mesh this work.                   FSC members were asked to forward their ideas to Tricia.</p>	
<p><b>Community Forum Committee</b></p>	<p>This subcommittee includes: Tricia, Theresa, Summer, Anne, Ron, Sandy, Bill Coleman and Amy. The group discussed potentially changing the focus of a community forum from Farm to School to a broader focus. However, there seems to be a lot of energy and momentum from other community groups. Summer reported that the Farm Bureau is putting on 2 trainings that will address: 1. how to market food at the market, and 2. on-line training for new vendors at farmers markets, farm stands, geared towards direct marketing. Dates are being worked out.                  Jan 8, 2011, 7 pm at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church: Anne L. discussed a short film and CSA meet the farmer event. The short film called “Patch: A Time to Build up Farms” is made by a local high school student; it looks at local, sustainable agriculture in Clark County and features interviews with 4 farms.</p>	<p>FSC will support these events by having a presence and promoting to contacts.</p>	<p>Email dates and times of events as they become available</p>
<p><b>Membership Drive</b></p>	<p>The membership committee was identified and is comprised of Anne L, Debe Jhon, and Bill Cestnick. They will work with a list of potential members to seek nominations and applications. The new FSC brochure will be used as a marketing tool. Members were asked to share the brochure with others/increase community awareness.</p>	<p>The committee will work to recruit members</p>	



<p><b>Rural Lands Task Force Hearings</b></p>	<p>In 2008, Agricultural Preservation Advisory Committee and Rural Look Committees formed. These committees merged into the Rural Lands Task Force. Tricia passed out a handout on proposed Rural Lands code changes. She and Theresa met with Bill Zimmerman to hear about and discuss concerns regarding limited planning for food production; rural and agricultural interests are disjointed. FSC agreed to draft a letter to the commissioners focused on the need to support protection of local food production. It is a good time with increased demand for local foods and down economy to increase support/systems for local food production.</p>	<p>John, Bill, Ingrid, Gayle and Tricia will work on-line to draft a letter.</p>	<p>Planning Commission Hearing</p>
	<p><b>Next meeting: January 27, 2011 at the CASEE Center</b></p>		

