

Minutes of: Food System Council

Date: May 27, 2010	Location: 11104 NE 149 th St. Brush Prairie, WA 98606	Recorded by: Kathy Hammond
Time: 4:00-6:00pm	Mtg. chaired by: Theresa Cross	Reviewed by: Team

Present: Sandy B, Bill C, William C, Theresa C, Dion H, Tracy K, Greta H, Anne L, Tricia M, Elspeth D, Kristine P, Anna P, Bruce P, Gayle R, Amy S, Jill T, Ron M, Jhon K, Summer S

Guests:

Absent: Paul C, Alison D, Debe N-N, Doug S

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Theresa called the meeting to order welcoming all new members. New members received orientation regarding the council prior to start of the meeting.		
Meeting Minute Approval	March and April minutes were approved, with correction to heading to remove “advisory” from the title.		
Brief Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Healthy Food Retail Advisory Group: Elspeth shared info about starting a Healthy Food Retail Advisory Group, and asked FSC members to consider participation. The group will assist stores with being healthier food retailers by offering trainings and resources. Funding will be offered to assist retailers with needed accessories, promotion, and training. ▪ Wal-Mart State Grant: State grants fund non-profit groups for programs and activities related to Education, Job Skills Training, Environmental Sustainability and Health. \$30,000 was recently awarded for garden program projects in Clark County that will assist low-income residents of neighborhoods. For the next 5 years, Wal-Mart will also provide \$2 Billion nationwide to support “fighting hunger together.” Dion discussed grant funding process and application process and would encourages FSC members and others in the community to connect with him about possible grant needs. More info can be found at http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8168.aspx 	<p>Contact Elspeth if interested in participating.</p> <p>Send out Fact Sheet again.</p> <p>Need to have visibility and acknowledge the importance of this grant funding.</p>	<p>Provide updates as this project develops.</p> <p>Provide updates as this project develops locally.</p> <p>An award event will be happening in June – be sure Walmart officials receive recognition.</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upcoming events/Announcements: Bill presented information regarding the 78th Street Project. A number of community organizations and volunteers are working together to grow and harvest food for Loaves & Fishes and food bank. The program now has a “Carrot Washer” system. 		Contact Bill for information re: volunteering.
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Membership Committee: Membership committee recommended changes to the framework regarding chair and vice-chair positions clarifying expectations and terms of service. 	FSC approved recommended changes.	Updated framework will be sent out to membership
Vision and Key Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of document uses: Food System Council Vision & Key Goals were distributed and discussed. Members are encouraged to use this document for communication and as a source of developing future direction for our work. It was suggested that this and other info be used to develop a brochure to educate the community about the FSC. A Committee may be formed to develop a brochure to share information about the council. 	More discussion at the next Food System Council Meeting.	
Farm to School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amy led discussion ... The Food System Council is interested in supporting Farm to School activities. The group brainstormed how to support connecting farmers and schools. Start by having listening sessions with a couple of school nutrition directors to learn what is happening now, what are barriers and opportunities. Hold this meeting at Amy’s classroom. Members on Farm Bureau, connect with colleagues regarding these same questions during upcoming meetings Work towards “round table” discussions perhaps in January and February bringing multiple partners together. May also want to include Food Hub, Medical Institutions, examples from Oregon and/or Oregon Farm to School staff. 	Invite Vancouver, Battleground and perhaps a small private school to a listening session at next meeting.	Meetings throughout the summer look for opportunities to increase our knowledge in this area in preparation for roundtable event.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next meeting: June 24, 2010 - Fort Vancouver High School – Horticulture Classroom 		

