

<b>Minutes of: Food System Council</b>			
Date: April 22, 2010	Location: 11104 NE 149 <sup>th</sup> St. Brush Prairie, WA 98606	Recorded by: Tricia Mortell	
Time: 4:00-6:00pm	Mtg. chaired by: Tricia Mortell	Reviewed by: Team	
Attendees: Sandy Brown, Dion Hess, Greta Lavadour, Amy Prince, Debe Nagy-Nero, Kristine Perry, Doug Stienbarger, Tricia Mortell, Elspeth Durek Guests: Thomas Brundage Note: Due to confusion regarding the date of the meeting a quorum was not present. Minutes not approved and no voting occurred			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Follow-up</b>
<b>Brief Updates</b>	<b>78<sup>th</sup> Street Hearing;</b> Bruce and Bill Coleman testified at the hearing regarding FSC support of the master plan with concerns about the placement of water tower and road. Most of the audience also testified about the road being incompatible with the property uses. Commissioners asked that it be removed from the master plan.		Follow selection of TAC, USDA grant and look for opportunities to support development of the site
	<b>Farm to School;</b> Amy and others have had some on-line conversations. Amy is looking for ideas on how to move this topic forward.  Consider meeting with school food service directors separately to learn more about current efforts, interests and barriers. Now is a good time to consider these meetings as summer can be very hard to get a hold of them and they begin to get very busy planning for the next school year.		Send thoughts to Amy
	<b>Fruit Valley Subarea Plan -</b> City planners have been supportive of adding some information about planning for health into the draft. Greta is still working on some additional comments		
	<b>WSU Updates -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Doug reported that faculty and 4H leadership recently toured several farms to look at their models. The models with interesting but no operations were bringing in revenues. This sparked interest in hearing more about these models.</li> <li>▪ SeaMar WIC and Extension Fruit and Vegetable Grant – Sandy shared that they were awarded a two year grant to work with WIC families, farmers markets and vegetable stands on education and incentives to purchase more fruits and vegetables.</li> <li>▪ Growing Groceries Mentor Program – Final training is the following Saturday. Overall there have been 65 enrolled with very diverse backgrounds. Clark County will have another AmeriCorps position to help WSU Extension implement next year’s training. A meeting is being planned to review outcomes and discuss the project.</li> </ul>	Perhaps this is a good forum opportunity for efforts on 78 <sup>th</sup> Street.	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master Food Preserver classes starting – there is a very high interest from the community.</li> </ul>		
<b>Healthy Food Retail</b>	Clark County Public Health has received some funds from Washington State Department of Health to work on healthy food retail. Tricia provided an overview of the data and evaluation to date of these types of programs. The contract with DOH is to engage two establishments in discussion and action in the next two years. Elspeth will attend a training with the State. Conversations have already started with the Chevron Store owner in Fruit Valley so that is likely to be one of the partners. Elspeth is working to establish an advisory council and would like Food System Council support. Meetings would be limited to either quarterly or semi-annual so the commitment is small. Greta volunteered and more members are needed. Please contact Elspeth if interested.	Requesting volunteers for healthy food retail advisory committee	Contact Elspeth if you can support this activity and participate on the advisory committee
<b>Membership Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee reviewed applications and prepared a candidate slate including three new members, Theresa Cross for chair and Sandy Brown for vice-chair. Without a quorum, a plan is needed to advance this slate. Typically members would attend orientation an hour before the May meeting and would start in May. Also, the membership committee is continuing to seek additional applicants particularly in the areas of agriculture and resource management.</li> <li>The membership committee also had some by-laws change recommendations that would make it clearer when recruiting for chair and vice-chair positions. This could be discussed at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	Ask for a vote via e-mail and continue working to have new members come on board in May.	Tricia will request consensus on e-mail voting.  Bring by-laws change suggestion to next meeting.
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Discussed whether the location deterred some from attending or not. 78 <sup>th</sup> street space remodel is planned and could be ready by summer or fall of this year. The group suggested waiting to see how that progressed. Or, consider the shops meeting rooms further down 78 <sup>th</sup> Street.		
<b>Vision and Key Goals</b>	One minor editing change suggested.		Need vote to finalize
<b>Leadership Clark County Project</b>	Matt Bisturis a member of this year’s LCC, presented information about their efforts to link surplus produce with four agencies serving hot foods to low-income individuals; Share, CDM Long-Term Care Services, Loaves & Fishes and Innovative Services. All of these agencies have refrigeration available and could use fresh produce for their meal programs. The information will be posted on the communitygrown.org site. Growers are urged to directly contact these organizations. Some organizations would get volunteers to help harvest if needed.	Suggested to share this with the CSA group.	
	Next meeting – May 27th		

