

<b>Minutes of: Food System Advisory Council</b>			
<b>Date:</b> June 25, 2009	<b>Location:</b> CASEE Community Center, 11104 NE 149 <sup>th</sup> St. Brush Prairie, WA 98606	<b>Recorded by:</b> Elspeth Durek	
<b>Time:</b> 4:00-6:00pm	<b>Mtg. chaired by:</b> Theresa Cross	<b>Reviewed by:</b>	
<p><b>Attendees:</b> Bill Cestnik, Paul Childers, Bill Coleman, Theresa Cross, Elspeth Durek, Dion Hess, Greta Lavadour, Amy McFall Prince, Kendra Pearce, Anna Petruolo, Gayle Rothrock, Doug Stienbarger, Ivonne Williams</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Sandy Brown, Ingrid Dankmeyer, Alison Dennis, Tracy Klein, Anne Lawrence, Tricia Mortell, Debe Nagy-Nero, Amy Sidran, Kristine Perry, Bruce Prenguber</p>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Follow-up</b>
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Theresa C. called the meeting to order.		
<b>Meeting Minute Approval</b>	May Minutes approved.		
<b>Brief Updates:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Land Use Issues</b> – There are two action areas, one in the city and one in the UGB. Greta reported on the June Vancouver Planning Commission hearing she and Tricia M. attended. There was much testimony and interest expressed in keeping urban space for food production including livestock. The proposed urban livestock code would allow 1 animal per acre - very restrictive - livestock is not compatible with urban, municipal uses is their response. Greta spoke up against the recommendations. They agreed to address this again in a few months and look at alternatives. The FSC also submitted a letter to the Planning commission (6/9/09)</li> <li>Doug S. reported that the Urban Livestock Task Force is sending agreed on recommendations for keeping livestock in the UGB. The Planning committee will present them at the BOCC public hearing on July 21. He passed out the Planning Committee Recommendation on Urban Livestock.</li> <li>Ridgefield passed their code allowing a limited number of small animals within the city limits</li> </ul>	<p>Draft letters of support, state advantages of owning animals, cite examples like Seattle and N.Y. Greta plans to update a follow-up letter she has prepared.</p> <p>Continue educating planners on the importance of local food systems.</p>	<p>Urban Livestock BOCC public hearing July 21 at 10:00 am</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rural Look Task Force</b> – Ingrid wasn't present to discuss.</li> </ul>	Place on next month's agenda	



	<p>• <b>Food documentary project –</b>          Elspeth discussed showing Good Food, Growing Awareness and a preview of a new documentary, Ingredients, on July 17 &amp; 18. The group discussed splitting the showings over the two days and printing the show times for each. A flyer with details on when, where, what and contact information will be distributed to members, interested groups and individuals as well as a press release for the media.          Camas Farmers Market is planning to show Good Food and possibly Ingredients on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the library.          The FSC will own these documentaries, so they'll be available for future showings.</p>	<p>Divide documentaries over two days and post the showing times for each. Also include it's a free event and parking information</p>	<p>Finalize promotional flyer and promote event through FSC, interested groups and media</p>
<p><b>Food Security Council</b></p>	<p>Guest speaker: Emily Becker, membership coordinator          The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), North American organization started in 1984 in response to disparity in the food system. They work on a national level to build, coordinate, and assist food programs, systems and food policy councils. CFSC has over 200 member organizations, of which Clark County Public Health: WIC, is one. They provide a voice to Washington, DC. Projects they are working on include: Child Nutrition Reauthorization (Farm to School programs, increasing school meal reimbursement rates), The Healthy Corner Store Coalition, Community Food Projects grants (provide training, technical assistance to apply for and evaluate this grant program through the USDA), Food and Faith Program. Their Policy Committee decides what kinds of policy to work on. They are currently based in Portland and are looking into establishing a regional framework.</p>	<p>Bill Coleman reminded members that USDA funds are available to 501(c)3 organizations to apply for</p>	
<p><b>Membership Committee Recommendations</b></p>	<p>Bill Cestnik reviewed the membership committee's recommendations to make two changes to the current FSC framework.</p>	<p>Two small changes agreed on:          Add "elected" after "21" for consistency and          "Individuals," before          "Organizations,"</p>	



<p><b>Community Gardening</b></p>	<p>The object of the forum in April was to find out how to allocate the finite amount of funds available for community gardens and what kinds of projects to support. The results of the survey showed that there is plenty of interest, passion and motivation out there. Individuals/groups are looking for leadership, guidance and how to tools. The group discussed how the council could move this passion forward. Bill Coleman also said volunteers were needed for the 78<sup>th</sup> St. carrot garden.</p>	<p>Continue developing the <a href="http://www.communitygrown.org">www.communitygrown.org</a> website. Suggested website addition is to put together a checklist and contact information for neighborhood associations</p>	
<p><b>Next meeting</b></p>		<p><b>July 23rd, 2009</b></p>	

