

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the August 8, 2012 Meeting

Members Present: Capel, Henning, Roach, Uken, Riddle, Kennedy, and Farrell

Guests: Pattsi Petrie; Larry Wood, Rajesh Karmani, Terra Brockman

1. Meeting called to order at 5:45pm
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda
No corrections or additions
3. Approval of Minutes
No minutes presented
4. Public Participation
Rajesh Karmani of the 0% Food Waste Project was introduced and he briefly discussed how 0% works using an online database to connect restaurants that have extra food with non-profits that distribute food.
5. Edible Economy Project Presentation by Terra Brockman
Terra Brockman is the Founder and Executive Director of The Land Connection, an educational non-profit based in Bloomington-Normal that focuses on training new and beginning farmers and preserving farmland. She is also on the board of the Edible Economy Project, a group founded by Elaine Sebald, that is facilitating the development of a local food hub in the Bloomington-Normal area. Terra mentioned some of the farmers involved, discussed current and future funding sources, as well as plans for the future. She invited LFPC members to attend their meetings in Bloomington-Normal. There was also some discussion about how the LFPC and Edible Economy could work together to include East Central Illinois farms and food businesses in the food hub.
6. Discussion of Champaign County LESA
Council chair Tod Satterthwaite presented a draft Resolution Encouraging the Protection of Agricultural Parcels in Champaign County, Illinois that are Suitable for Local Food Production to the LFPC. It is to be presented to the ZBA during the ongoing public hearings prior to their vote on the draft LESA. The Council discussed the draft, but no action was taken.
7. Discussion of Local Food Producers Inventory
Tabled until next meeting
8. Discussion of Local Food Producers Survey
Tabled until next meeting
9. Announcements
None
10. Other Business
None
11. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm