

Local Foods Policy Council of Champaign County  
Minutes of Meeting 9/12/2012

Members Present: Tod Satterthwaite; Rebecca Roach; Mary Ellen Farrell; Christopher Henning

Guests: Pattsie Petrie

1. Approval of Minutes—No previous minutes to approve
2. Public Participation—No public in attendance
3. LESA Discussion  
LFPC proposal went to ZBA and read into the record. Favorably received and welcomed by Chair Eric Thorslund. Proposal to be on the agenda of the 9/19 ZBA meeting.
4. Producer's Inventory  
No new action. Some questions about whether we feel it is complete.  
Tod will check with Brad and Zach about survey
5. Miscellaneous Discussions:
  - a. U of I Urban Plan Request for Research—check on student capstone projects; what about the Olympian Drive Extension report?
  - b. Mary Hosier and Beginning Farmers/Ranchers programs—one year programs for small veggie and fruit farmers in Illinois. Some collaborations with the Land Connection.
  - c. U of I Office of Public Engagement—now accepting grant requests of up to \$20K.
6. Update on Local Food Connections & Technical Summit. Highlights included:
  - a. USDA grant for Food Hubs to Heartland Comm. Coll.
  - b. Farm Bureau support for small farms
  - c. Updates on Federal programs
  - d. Post Harvest Food Handling presentations
  - e. Post Harvest Distribution systems

f. Food Safety Act Session

7. Grants and Opportunities:

- a. Eastern Illinois Economic Development—loans for small farmers and local foods. Susan Chiveria point person.
- b. Green Business {Conference?}—Pattsi attended this
- c. Pumpkin Day—Illinois Specialty Crops. Tod attended
- d. “Sustainability Week” at U of I—Week of Oct. 22.
- e. Dining Services “Chef’s Challenge”. All local growers and products. Week of Sept. 17 at Student Sustainable Farm