

**Champaign County Local Foods Policy Council  
Minutes from December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

***Attendees***

Zachary Kennedy, Tod Saterthwaite, Cathe Capel, Christopher Henning, Maya Bauer

In addition, Patri Petrie was in attendance.

***Call to Order***

The Meeting was called to order by Tod at 5:45p.m.

Reviewed any addition and corrections to meeting notes- no additions or corrections were called.

***Public Participation***

Patsi Petrie- Patsi discussed the John Street Watershed LINC class. A brochure was presented. The YouTube class video, 'Rain Gardens: Growing a Beautiful Difference', was discussed. More information about this collaboration can be found at <http://linc.illinois.edu/john-street-watershed>.

In addition, Tod mentioned the storm water utility fee credit and incentives for the City of Urbana. More information for this utility fee incentive and credit can be found on the City of Urbana webpage.

***Agenda Item- Discussion of 13<sup>th</sup> Criteria for rezoning requests***

Cathe explained zoning factors that are taken into consideration when rezoning. These factors include: roads, effects on existing subdivisions, LESA, drainage, waste water disposal, municipal services, flood hazard, effect on wet lands, hazards and historic property. In addition, the amount of agricultural land versus the number of housing units per acre is evaluated. There may be an opportunity to define what agricultural land would include (if small plots are included).

Patsi cited the various LESA branches in Pennsylvania. The state of Pennsylvania has a master LESA document but each county has jurisdiction to adjust factors based on the region. In addition, the University of Wisconsin's College of Agricultural & Life Sciences comprehensive plan was cited as a potential resource for the council. Patsi will send a link to this information.

An agricultural comprehensive plan was further discussed. The Farm Bureau was discussed as having done some work on a comprehensive plan. The next step would

be to check with Brad (Uken) on wording for a thirteenth criterion that would protect small farmland.

Agenda item number five (5), Discussion of an additional criterion for evaluating rezoning requests from agricultural use, will be continued until the next meeting. Zak and Cathe were assigned to research this topic for the next meeting. The ordinance for development by right was also discussed. This will also be researched and discussed at the next meeting. Tod mentioned that it may be worthwhile to have someone from County Zoning attend to explain the ordinance.

### ***Future Meeting Topics***

The January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be focused on strategic planning. The January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be dedicated to an open discussion with the Farmers Market and the Champaign Urbana Health Department, about opportunities and challenges.

### ***Announcements***

Zak announced January 10<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup> that the University Extension Office will be having sessions on small farm topics. Topics can be found online and these sessions are held at 1:00p.m. on Thursdays. In addition, on March 9<sup>th</sup>, Parkland College is featuring a session called 'Putting Small Farms to Work'. Zak will email details. The Specialty Crops Conference will be held in Springfield January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Tod announced a webinar Monday on legal shareholder agreements and worker benefits. The webinar will focus on CSA legal issues. Tod will send out details.

### ***Other business***

No additional business discussed.  
Meeting was adjourned.