

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

Meeting

MAY 8, 2013, 5:45 P.M.

BROOKENS CENTER, 1776 E. WASHINGTON ST. URBANA, IL
JENNIFER PUTMAN ROOM

Present: Rebecca Roach; Cathe Capel; Zach Kennedy; Maya Bauer; Mel Farrell;
Chris Henning; Brad Uken

Guests: Patti Petrie

1. Call to Order—5:45pm
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda—add CGFC \$\$ to Agenda item #6
3. Approval of Minutes—4/24/13 done
4. Public Participation—none
5. Report from Chris on talks between U of I Housing and Edible Economy
Chris H.—talks began with email with his dept. and Catherine Dunlap.
Collaboration with growers in Tuscola area. Looking at 2014 growing
season. Arthur a possible aggregation site. Meeting soon with some local
producers down there. More info after meeting with them. What about
CU/UofI donut hole in the EE map? Since we are willing to cooperate, UofI
can be included. Still issues with Midwest growing season—what
preservation techniques could be utilized—storage and root vegetables
could be solutions. Student farm will be producing raspberries and
currants for UofI Food Service.
6. Discussion of a Website
Becky will submit grant application to Joy Rust at CGFC
 - a. Concept/Design—defer discussion till we hear about \$\$\$

- b. How to build it
 - c. Funding for creating the website
7. Discussion of How to Present our Strategic Plan to the County Board
When? Patti will facilitate as to appropriate channel—ELUC or full Board agenda. What? PPT presentation or something else. PPT and then ask for feedback. Show accomplishments/Next phase/Long term. Use Zach and Brad as foils for potential roadblocks “Why can’t the Extension/FB do this....etc.”? Emphasize our role as facilitators with the partnerships beginning to blossom locally. What we’ve done thus far. Praise their forward-thinking and thanks for creating us. Appraise them of our achievements. Mention people/groups that have come to our meetings, etc. How soon would we need to get the .ppt/packet together [back up 10 days before actual meeting]. Look of show—Slides with more white space; pictures [Brad and Chris]. Shoot for August. It would be good for all of us to be there.
1. Discussion of the Guest Commentary drafted by Cathe and Patti
Patti shared her first draft. Cathe will work on editing. We can send personal suggestions, singly to Cathe with Work/track changes by 5/15. Limit of @750 words. Patti will appraise the Board about this. Forward guest editorial to our local legislators. How to sign? Just as LFPC or as individuals
 2. Legislative Update—no report
 3. Announcements—webinars coming up. Reports from Patti and Zach will be forthcoming. Zach heard something about a potential Sunday Farmer’s Market in Champaign perhaps in location of old RP/Thompson Lumber. Student Farm would be glad to host one of our meetings this summer. Chris in menu planning sessions—idea for “100 mile dinner”. Suggestion that food contracts for the jail include X% of locally produced food.
 4. Other Business—application for grant from RPC [Cameron Moore] should be investigated.
 5. Adjourn—7pm