

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 28, 2014, 5:45 P.M.
BROOKENS ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
JENNIFER PUTMAN ROOM

Present: Cathe Capel; Becky Roach; Zach Kennedy; Maya Bauer; Mel Farrell; Steve Herriott

Guests: Patti Petrie; Gary Maxwell [Co. Board]

1. Call to Order—at 5:48pm
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda—none
3. Approval of Minutes—5/14 were approved
4. Public Participation—group introduced itself to Gary. He applauds the work of our committee.
5. Old Business
 - a. Rantoul Food Hub report—concerns about contamination have been waylaid a bit by reports from the lab that did/does the testing. Water is tested monthly, with no problem. So we shall see what the outcomes will be. Be cautious, most likely. Brad not here to say more.
 - b. Dining Services/local food report—no report
 - c. Discussion of Farmer Survey—sent to committee on 3/18. Homework: bring marked up copy to next meeting.
6. New Business
 - a. Election of Officers—Zach volunteers to be nominated. Do we need new people on the group? We need to strategize our next steps. Perhaps revisit our action items from the public open meeting. Develop a proposal to include a Co. Board member and one other person.
 - b. Mel will work on the template for recommendation letter that would be distributed to causes/organizations/actions we could support. This could lead to proposals by people who could come and talk to us about how we can plug in to their efforts. How about working with bigger entities like Carle? Like a Food Park

that could be grazed.

7. Legislative Update

- a. Cupcake Bill, without amendment, is on its way to the Governor for a signature. Food Handler's Certification is not necessary when income from products made is less than \$1,000.
- b. Patsi talked about the Health Dept. color coding system and why the Co. Board didn't support it—criteria; uneven application; rural area concerns, etc. Discussion of the separation between Health District and Co. Board highlights the inefficiency of the setup.
- c. Local Flavors calendar of events with restaurants is setup, but few people know about it. Publicizing isn't very good.

8. Announcements

- a. Cathe talked about the Homer Farmer's Market on Wednesdays. She would like to have someone from there come to one of our meetings. She will extend the invitation.

9. Adjourn—at 6:45