

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the January 23, 2013 Meeting
Brookens Center, 1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, IL

Members Present: Tod Satterthwaite; Rebecca Roach; Mary Ellen Farrell; Zach Kennedy; Christopher Henning; Brad Uken; Cathe Capel

Guests: Patti Petrie; Jim Roberts, CUPHD; Natalie Kenny-Marquez, Urbana Farmer's Market; Brandon Boys, CGFC Board; Rajesh Karmani, Zero Percent

1. Call to Order—Meeting called to order at 5:45pm
2. No amendments to the agenda
3. Minutes of 1/9/13; 12/12/12; 8/8/12 approved
4. Public Comment
 - a) Patti—At Farm Bureau and Land Use Comm. meetings, noted hearing that agriculture is not considered as “economic development” per se. She suggests framing an alternate stance on that attitude; perhaps inviting students in who are working on community development models that consider such a factor.
 - b) Brandon—Commented that the recent CGFC survey of members indicated that there was interest in Board member participation as “citizen lobbyists” for community agricultural/economic development. Reason for his attendance at LFPC.
 - c) Jim—Discussed health code interpretations in that rules are written in general terms because they must fit all types of food service; explained the difference in permits [annual or temporary]; training is regional for the federal food code rules and the “training the trainers” model is usually adopted state-wide; resources for training include the “Model Food Code” [FDA]; talked about justification for egg sales at Farmers’ Markets and that the sanitary design of coolers should follow concepts of “smooth and easily cleanable” surfaces and have ANSI standards met [UL; NSF], and that eggs can’t be in contact with water and dry ice would freeze the eggs; he supports the idea of a community kitchen; what would be the willingness of the Public Health Dept. to assist in the creation of such a kitchen.
5. Discussion of Coordination between CUPHD and Urbana Farmer’s Market—Natalie talked about this year’s focus: getting things done early and as online as possible. Both Jim and Natalie have been planning for an online application database and getting rules and requirements posted online via “Manage My Market; working on an automated map of the market that allows you see online where vendors are located; questions about food sampling/permits were addressed; explanation of “Champaign Sink”, the arrangement of wash/rinse/sanitizing basins with attached drainboards that is the crux of CUPHD regulations for food service.
6. Discussion of Additional Criteria for Evaluating Rezoning Requests [cont. from last meeting]
 - a) “Whereas” statements can come from parts of LESA; acknowledge the prime status of the land; goal is the preserve and protect agricultural land, small and large parcel. Tod will develop some language for review to be run by John Hall.

7. Strategic Planning
Consider Zach's summary so far as part of next meeting's agenda [Feb. 13].
8. Announcements
 - a) Edible Economy Farmers' Night/Food Hub discussion coming up. Agenda will be the Heartland CC grant for the 2014 season.
 - b) Tod in this week's "Farm Week" pg. 6
 - c) Land availability opportunities in the offing. More on this as it develops
 - d) New food hub in Casey, IL "Illiana Ag Alliance"? Concentration on Farm to School collaborations. Possibility to invite them to our meetings?
9. Adjourned @7pm