

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Feb 25, 2015

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

PRESENT: Mel Farrell; Becky Roach; Patti Petrie; Zach Kennedy; Steve Herriott

1. Call to Order—5:55pm [Unofficial, no quorum]
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda—No quorum, so no official actions. This will be a time of discussion.
3. Approval of Minutes—Rolled over to the next meeting in March.
4. Public Participation
5. Ongoing Updates
 - a. Chanute Fields update
People are becoming interested in the land available.
 - b. Dining Services/local food report
no report
 - c. Farmer Survey
Zach incorporated changes in survey. Added option for expansion of current business. Zach will share edits and get it out to the list.
 - d. School Food Service Outreach
Zach made some calls, no responses as yet. Zach can be at the meeting of the School Supt. And Regional Office meeting. For the next month.
6. New Business
 - a. LFPC vacancy
Maya is no longer on the LFPC. The CGFC feels that a person at the Co-op should be in the GM position to represent on the LFPC, if that is something available to that person. Not sure how this might go. Should we assemble a short list of possible names? At next meeting we can discuss this. How should we publicize? An email message to Kay Rhodes, suggest a deadline date like 2 months?

7. Legislative Update

Meeting of the IL County Board members during spring break here. Look at ISA website for legislative information.

Federal dietary recommendations for 2015 just came out.

Local foods/Economic development is a consideration that is important. Craig Rost; James Quisenberry; John Schrader.

Economic development model has come to some fruition. It will be presented at Brad's Rotary group meeting. Work done by state Farm Bureau office and others. Plans will be mentioned, for example, developing land south of the airport to contribute to its support; high speed rail, etc.

8. Announcements

Interested in seeing how Champaign Farmer's Market will do this season.

Zach went to a Las Vegas Extension conference. So many states [e.g. Michigan] ahead of Illinois at this time with local and extension supports. Codes and guides for local foods are easy to follow and for marketing and restaurants, etc.

Leadership Academy for development of Extension and officials moving ahead, beginning in April. Some CC board members also express interest in this as well.

9. Adjourn—6:30pm [Unofficial, no quorum]