

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 14, 2014, 5:45 P.M.
BROOKENS ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
JENNIFER PUTMAN ROOM

Present: Tod Satterthwaite; Becky Roach; Zach Kennedy; Maya Bauer; Mel Farrell; Steve Herriott

Guest: Patti Petrie

1. Call to Order—5:48pm
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes—3/12 minutes approved
4. Public Participation
 - a. Patti thanks and offers kudos to Tod for taking on the job of chair of LFPC
5. Old Business
 - a. Rantoul Food Hub report—Patti talked about the landfill implications for the Rantoul project Fallout from the Federal planning conference [Peter Lowitt]. “Beware of soils...Raised beds”. Issue is about regular testing of wells. Questions about the soil are still extant. Taking the government’s word about the cleanup work they’ve done is the position being taken now. Questions posed about our support for the project; who knows about the current situation there regarding contamination, etc. Ask Brad for a current update
 - b. Dining Services/local food report—Student farm has started its market on Thursdays on the Quad.
 - c. Discussion of Farmer Survey—draft was distributed to the committee on 3/18. Awaiting comment.
 - d. New data for the Ag Survey is in hand now. Brad was on TV 5/14 discussing it! Zach will touch base with Brad about specifics.
6. New Business

- a. It's time to schedule an election of Officers—next meeting. Make sure people are here.
7. Legislative Update—Breakfast on the Farm event at Kilgus Farmstead on 6/7. ISA has launched the “10% Campaign”; “Golden Beet” award. Maya feels we should create a boilerplate in support of initiatives and send to Representatives. And then thank-yous if they vote positively. Homework: take a look at ISA website and see what they're up to.
 8. Announcements
 - a. Becky looked at web presentation by USDA. There are a couple of grants available for local food projects one of which is \$\$ for a planning grant. Matching funds are necessary so we would need a partnership with another entity. Can be in-kind grants
 - b. Agritourism Intensive conference June 23-25. Registration includes meals.
 - c. PFFC is starting a capital campaign [kickoff June 3] to enhance aspects of their farm operation. Crowdfunding effort.
 - d. CUUATS—idea is not dead about extending Lincoln to Ford-Harris and Olympian Dr. to 45. Money is already in place for the railroad trestle.
 - e. Tod was at a meeting with Uofl Office of Public Engagement. Wanting to do a Local Food Event this Fall.
 - f. Brad working with Champaign Park District on a 3-day summer camp. One day devoted to local foods and will be at Sola Gratia Farm. Tod mentioned that they now have a Farm Manager, Clay Yapp, and have hired Tracey Barkley as a program coordinator for volunteers, etc.
 9. Adjourn—6:40pm