

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 12, 2014, 5:45 P.M.

University of Illinois Extension, Champaign Unit Office
Conference Room

PRESENT: Zachary Kennedy; Becky Roach; Brad Uken; Tod Satterthwaite; Maya Bauer; Pattsy Petrie

Note: Secretary Mel Farrell absent, Maya took notes in her stead.

1. Call to Order—5:50pm
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda—Addition of proposed Enterprise Zone maps to Agenda, will be added as “New Business.”
3. Approval of Minutes—Minutes from the October meeting approved. Tod Moves, Becky seconds.
4. Public Participation—none
5. Old Business
 - a. Chanute Fields update
The Chanute Fields LLC is still trying to solve some unanswered questions and waiting on leases. They will be attending the 2014 LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD SUMMIT in Bloomington-Normal. Brad will present on the Chanute project as well as the initiative to get local foods into schools. He has agreed to present a summary of the summit at our next meeting.
 - b. Dining Services/local food report

Chris not in attendance.

c. Farmer Survey work session

Draft created, by committee on the Mondopad. To include introduction of the LFPC and our mission. Word by word review of the Farmer Survey, editing content and word-choice, as well as adding some questions and re-structuring some portions, including Question #12. Zach will make final edits and send the version to the Council for approval. Pilot will be sent to 4 “growers”; 2 meat and 2 vegetable. This will give the Council the opportunity to gauge the effectiveness of the survey and identify and alter questions/language in order to get the data that we are seeking when we distribute the survey more widely. We named 4 participants for the Pilot; John Cherniss, Blue Moon Farm; Leslie Cooperband, Prairie Fruits Farm; Lisa Haynes, Tomahnous Farm; Cary Howrey, Cary’s Garden of Eatin’. Zach will arrange printing, Becky will make Saturday Holiday Market deliveries.

d. Website discussion

No discussion necessary—Website appears to be functional.

6. New Business

Pattsi brings us maps that are a part of the Enterprise Zones being proposed by Champaign and Urbana Municipalities. The zones are extensive and include vast parcels of acreage currently zoned for agriculture. These Enterprise Zones would lower barriers for development of agricultural lands and the proposed zones are aggressive. The municipalities are looking to get support from MTD, School Districts, Park Districts, etc. It would be useful to have a land use metric that shows the economic value of agricultural lands to our economy, which would give the preservation of agricultural lands more priority in front of governing bodies like the Champaign County Board. What individuals can do: Comment tomorrow night (11/13/14), next Thursday (11/20/14), or send comments to their

County Board Representatives. Tod moves to draft a letter of opposition to bring before the Council for approval. If approved it will go to the County Board, asap. Maya Seconds. Tod will write and send it to the Council who vows to reply only to Tod, to comply with Open Meetings.

7. Legislative Update

Maya brings the Illinois Stewardship Alliance's Grassroots Policy Advisory Committee to the Council for consideration. Patti will look into if we are allowed to join.

8. Announcements—none

9. Adjourn—7:55pm