

Minutes of: Food System Council

Date: February 27, 2014 **Location:** 1601 East Fourth Plain Blvd. , Vancouver, WA 98666 **Recorded by:** Theresa Cross

Time: 4:00-6:00pm **Mtg. chaired by:** Erin Harwood **Reviewed by:** Team

Present: Sandy Brown, Bill Coleman, Theresa Cross, Carolyn Gordon, Erin Harwood, Garrett Hoyt , Kachina Inman, Ann Foster, Lynn Finley, George Vartanian, Warren Neth, Bill Zimmerman **Guests:** Jude Wait, Melissa Martin, Denise Smee, Kory Dollar, Gordie Euler

Absent: Carrie Beck, Patty Ingraham, Terri Brodie, Eric Lambert, Larry Scherer

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Follow-up
Meeting Minute Approval	Garrett called the meeting to order, minutes were approved.		
Updates:	<p>Theresa reported that the membership application and announcement will go out soon. April 15 is deadline for applying for 3 open positions. Membership Committee (Ron McKnight, Bill Coleman, Garrett Hoyt and Theresa) will meet to review & select candidates for slate which FSC will vote on at May meeting. Candidates from 2 sector categories Agriculture and Community Members & Groups are encouraged to apply. FSC members are encouraged to let their networks know about applying for membership. Ann Foster said that Annette Cleveland and Paul Harris attended the WSFMA reception, the timing of which coincided with legislation for WIC Farmers Market and Senior Farmers Market.</p> <p>FSC had sent letters of support for: 1) Tap waters in schools through hydration stations, 2) Healthier Next Generation, which would create a special Governor’s Council and a multi-disciplinary strategic work groups focused on health, early, learning, and K-12 Environments 3) Farmers Market Nutrition Program which provides vouchers for seniors and Woman Infants and Children to use on fresh fruits and veggies at the Farmers Market. The hydration station bill passed today; \$750,000 will fund allocations to schools based on need.</p> <p>FSC is named as a partner on the Healthy Living Collaborative (HLC); Carolyn Gordon and Carrie Beck are liaisons. The HLC was impressed with FSC’s support of the above bills.</p> <p>Warren announced that May 3 is the Beltane Festival at the Hazel Dell Public Market. He is seeking vendors to sell garden art and plants, as well as community groups with table displays.</p> <p>Members of the Land Use work group met with Ken Meter this week and will share</p>	Theresa to send press release and application to members	



	specifics of that meeting in the work group.		
Training discussion	Two trainings on advocacy and lobbying, and policy, systems and environment are available. These may be timely, given the issues the Council is working in re: bills in Olympia, comp plan updates and other issues. Options: 1, 3-hour training 3:30-6:30 in April or May, or 2, 2-hour trainings in April and June.	Kachina to check with Uncommon Solutions on dates for 2, 2-hour trainings	
PhD thesis presentation	Jude Wait, a regular FSC guest and participant on the Land Use work group presented her PhD thesis proposal, “Resilience of Food Farming in an Urbanizing Region”. Threats to ag on the west side of the county, the loss of farmland and the small contributions to the county’s economy were cited as specific examples needing more attention and support. Clark County has the largest percentage of farmland of any western county in the Washington, 20-39%. The goal of her thesis proposal is to put farmers’ voices more prominently in the food system as a way to strengthen it. Jude has found that her participation on FSC has been instrumental in understanding the food system challenges in Clark County and defining her thesis objectives.		A copy of her thesis proposal will be sent with the minutes.
Work Group Time			
	Next meeting: March 27, 2014 at 4:00 pm		

