

Minutes of: Food System Council

Date: May 22, 2014	Location: 1601 East Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98666	Recorded by: Cyndie Meyer
Time: 4:00-6:00pm	Mtg. chaired by: Erin Harwood	Reviewed by: Theresa & Melissa

Present: Bill Coleman, Theresa Cross, Erin Harwood, Garrett Hoyt, Ann Foster, Lynn Finley, Warren Neth, Eric Lambert, Jodell Hinojosa, Melissa Martin
Guests: Cyndie Meyer
Absent: Carrie Beck, Sandy Brown, Carolyn Gordon, Patty Ingraham, Ron McKnight, Larry Scherer, George Vartanian

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Follow-up
Meeting Minute Approval	Erin called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Unable to satisfy minimum requirements for quorum. Unable to accept minutes; to revisit most agenda topics at next meeting.		
Updates:	<p>State Food System Roundtable (SFSR) is meeting in various places in the state; they would like to meet here because there is an established Food System Council actively working on issues. This is an important opportunity for statewide visibility. Lynn Finley is a rep on the State Food System Roundtable from the southwest WA.</p> <p>SFSR will meet here Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Would like CCFSC to host and meet with them if desired. Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCFSC leadership or a subgroup of CCFSC could attend SFSR meeting • CCFSC membership could cancel meeting on Nov 20 and meet with SFSR on Nov 21 instead. • CCFSC could meet twice – at regular meeting Nov 20 and again with SFSR on Nov 21. <p>Suggested content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCFSC could present key issues facing Clark County and work/approaches/progress. • CCFSC could arrange a tour of a farm, food bank or other highlight to showcase and hold meeting on site or nearby. • CCFSC could conduct small group discussions to problem solve/gain input. <p>Washington Tilth conference Nov 7-9 at Vancouver Hilton.</p> <p>Anne announced Clark County farms receiving Clark County Public Health Community Health Award at 8:30 a.m., Wed May 28 at in 6th Floor BOCC meeting room.</p>		<p>Lynn will update on progress of SFSR next month.</p> <p>Staff to request if some members of the SFSR steering committee can attend FSC meeting Nov 20. FSC will be invited to SFSR meeting.</p> <p>Staff to route award info to</p>



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	<p>Theresa announced that Intertwine Summit is scheduled for 1 to 6 p.m., June 19 at Water Resource Center. Focus: Green spaces to connect throughout Clark County.</p> <p>Warren chosen by Slow Foods to go to Tierra Madre, Turin, Italy in late October. Trying to find ways to highlight SW WA. If you have ideas, share with Warren Neth.</p>		members.
Membership	<p>Theresa distributed slate of 5 candidates and PHAC rep. 100 percent of members present voted to adopt entire slate of candidates. Erin solicited nominations for vice-chair. Theresa reviewed position description.</p>		Staff will poll absent members via email. Will continue to solicit vice-chair nominations until next meeting.
Follow up discussion from April training	<p>Postponed due to lack of quorum.</p>		Tabled until next month.
Agriculture Conservation Campaign	<p>Warren led discussion of a plan to advocate for inclusion of agricultural land conservation in the County Comp Plan. Subcommittee met twice over past months. Developed objectives and portfolio of strategies.</p> <p>Warren suggested FSC conduct a strong push to adopt a conservation proposal by spring of 2015. Grass roots support is needed.</p> <p>Warren met with Commissioner Madore this month to discuss the FSC proposal for ag conservation. Commissioner said he supports a strong local food economy but looks for a stronger volunteer-led proposal to inform the Comp Plan. Madore listens to Clark County Citizens United. Need to find common ground with this group. Warren approached Friends of Clark County to see if they would be fiscal agent for FSC. No answer at present.</p> <p>Madore favors the Current Use program and believes current right-to-farm ordinance and current use program provides enough protection for farmers. Madore worries farmers may not farm large tracks. Erin said the FSC could educate constituents that Current Use program does not preserve ag land. Current Use is a tax deferral program for open land – artificially zoned as rural. Farmers must actively work the land for 10 years or pay seven years of back taxes.</p> <p>Question for Council to decide: Does FSC want to be involved in developing a grass roots campaign? Need to develop a mandate from the community and build support from the</p>		By June meeting, Warren and subcommittee will develop a proposal for Vic to review and FSC to vote on.



	commissioners.		
<p>Next meeting: June, 2014 at 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Vic Coleman was scheduled to present Policy and System training in June. All present voted to postpone systems training in favor of digging through issues and reviewing ag conservation proposal. State Food System Roundtable Steering Committee members may attend.</p>		<p>In lieu of Policy and System training, Vic will facilitate discussion on issues raised in April training and on ag conservation proposal.</p>

