

Minutes of: Food System Council

Date: Oct 23, 2014	Location: 1601 East Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98666	Recorded by: Theresa Cross
Time: 4:00-6:00pm	Mtg. chaired by: Garrett Hoyt	

Present: Theresa Cross, Ann Foster, Carolyn Gordon, Kim Harless, Erin Harwood, Garrett Hoyt, Patty Ingraham, Eric Lambert, Melissa Martin, Shawn Morrill, Karen Puyleart, Larry Scherer
Guests: Jude Wait, Diane Dempcey, Gordy Euler, Amanda Alexander
Absent: Ty Draszt, Lynn Finely, Jodell Hinojosa, Mike Kretzschmar, Ron McKnight, Warren Neth, Ellen Rogers

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Follow-up
Meeting Minute Approval	Garrett called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Erin motioned, Larry second	Sep minutes approved	
Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Coleman has resigned from the Council due to a move to CT to be near family. FSC Facebook: went live today. Members are encouraged to “like” the page. Food Day proclamation posted; photo contest of “Your Favorite Food Grown Here” launched to boost activity. Committee: Eric, Shawn, Kim, Ty, Mike and Garrett. Public Health’s Healthy Neighborhood Restaurant program will launch Friday for Food Day. Participating restaurants (Farrar’s Bistro, Dragonfly Café, Mint Tea, Morelia’s, Might Bowl & Mill Creek Pub) will all have deals featuring their healthy menu items. Criteria for being in the Healthy Restaurant program include: offering small plates in addition to regular size, healthy kids menu, and healthy sides at no extra charge. Members are encouraged to “like” their Facebook page. 	Staff to coordinate.	
Tilth conference	Discussion on whether FSC would like to have a presence there. Some members are attending; Warren is on a panel, Jude will be there as part of her research, Theresa will attend all 3 days as a private citizen. Theresa reports that the County is unable to pay \$50 for a display table. The conference is an opportunity to showcase FSC’s accomplishments, learn about trends in local food, and network with others interested in strengthening a local food system. Early registration ends today.	Theresa to 1. get list of other organizations that will have a table and whether FSC can ‘piggyback’ on theirs, 2. obtain FSC business cards to use at Tilth conference social events .	
Farmer Funding Opportunities	Jude shared about grants she is applying for that would assist farmers in benchmarking and aggregating farm data. She requests a letter of support from FSC.	Carolyn motion, Patty second to	



		send letter of support (provided by Jude) for FSC chair to sign.	
Bylaws	Changes: addition of Principles/Values section based on info from Denver’s food council. Ann suggested re-phrasing this section. Discussion about Purpose- should it be included in Bylaws? Greg would like member terms spelled out, chair & vice-chair position descriptions cleaned up. Need decision on who to contact for more information, a formal description of how the email address works (who has access, password, how transition occurs when members change, who pays for host and how that will continue to be funded.	Ann will send her revisions to Bylaws Committee to finalize.	FSC to review & adopt at Nov meeting.
Comp Plan	Erin explained that GrowClarkCounty (GCC) campaign is a project within the local Slow Food organization. Discussion on whether FSC wants to add formal support to GCC petition: Support 2 policy recommendations (Work proactively with neighboring jurisdictions, state agencies and other stakeholders to develop a feasible TDR program; Promote the siting of food processing on land zoned light industrial through favorable land use regulations and permit processes and assistance with market development.) Gordy explained how TDR programs work, the value of and potential downsides of. Suggestions to editing FSC’s document, <i>2016 Comprehensive Growth Management Plan Update</i> for use with policy makers, needs to be shortened and focused on “asks”.	FSC voted to support GCC recommendations; Erin will let Warren know.	

