



New Haven Food Policy Council

Meeting Agenda

May 21, 2009
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
City Hall, Meeting Room 3

In Attendance:

NHFPC Members – Phaedra Ebron, Tagan Engel, Roberta Friedman, Jennifer McTiernan, Melina Shannon-DiPietro, Peter Stein, Linda Townsend-Maier
Community – Becky Elias (staff), Carinne Luck, Laena Orkin (student intern)

1. Welcome, review agenda
2. Old Business
 - Approval of minutes from NHFPC Meeting on 2/19/09, and review minutes from 3/19/09
 - Motion: Phaedra Ebron, Minutes approved,
 - Working Group on School Food –
 - School Gardens: Barnard School hired a garden coordinator, and had its first school garden workday, with over 100 people in attendance.
 - New Haven Public School Food Service Director Tim Cipriano will be holding a Food Service Worker appreciation party. The WGSF will be assisting with the party. It is a good opportunity for a press release.
 - The WGSF will help promote the New Haven Public Schools Summer Meal Program. All children under 18 can receive free breakfast and lunch. Locations, times, and dates will be announced.
 - Proposal of new members, updates of contacts –
 - Phaedra Ebron – Stop n’ Shop, spoke with contact but unsure if someone will be available.
 - Linda Townsend-Maier –spoke with manager of Shaws, they are interested but not available.
 - New ideas: Representation from restaurants (Caseus, Healthy Choice, Blue State Coffee), Fair Haven Health Clinic (midwife, a community health practitioner) – Melina will make contact (Elizabeth, Linda Lisk and Debbie Suvely).
 - Yale Law School Legal Services Organization (LSO) Clinic Update: On May 4th, 2009, Jennifer McTiernan and the LSO met with Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro in Washington DC to discuss the SEEDS pilot program, legislation which proposes an increase in the reimbursement rate of school lunches in order to increase the use of fresh fruits and vegetables.

- Jennifer McTiernan will be taking a one year leave from CitySeed. Erin Wirpsa will be the interim Executive Director, and will serve on the Food Policy Council in Jennifer's stead.

3. New Business

- Mission and Goals – Will be reviewed and finalized at the June meeting.
- Food Policy
 - The Council brainstormed key concepts and ideas for formalizing it; Laena Orkin, NHFPC intern, will use brainstorm ideas to begin writing a food policy.
- Forums/Listening Sessions
 - Sub-committee will come up with a plan for the group (Peter Stein, Laena Orkin, Carinne Luck, Melina Shannon-DePietro).
 - Goal of session: Get residents' input on ideal food policy.
 - Suggestions:
 - Possible first step before engaging the community at large: have one-on-one interviews with community leaders, food service workers, parents, chefs etc. with the goal of enlisting them to lead listening session.
 - Use public libraries as the meeting sites.
 - Team up with neighborhood institutions and invite them to co-sponsor.
 - Compile short survey for residents to fill out.

4. Announcements and updates

- Roberta met with Eric Sturgis-Pascale to inform her of the Council's activities. They agreed to meet every few months.
- CitySeed submitted their Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) grant which included more time to staff the Council. They should hear about acceptance in mid July.
- Council members' updates
 - Peter Stein: NH Chicken ordinance passed to allow 6 chickens to be raised on personal property. Board of Aldermen legislative committee will hear more testimony on June 8th, at 7 pm at City Hall.

5. Adjournment

Minutes of the meeting will be circulated by 5/28/09

Next Meeting: June 18th, 2009
8:30 am - 10:30pm, Meeting Room 3, City Hall
followed by site visit to Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen
9:45 – 10:30