



New Haven Food Policy Council

Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2010
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
City Hall, Meeting Room 3

Attendance: Phaedra Ebron, Frank Mitchel, Erin Wirpsa Eisenberg
Community: Catheryn Bradsaw, Melissa Waldron, Fred Cervin,
Moses Boon, Maria Tupper

1. Welcome, review agenda

2. Old Business

- Documents for Office of Sustainability
 - Council will send a welcome letter and possible invite her to an event or a meeting.
 - Updates on department s from Council
 - NHFPC Working Retreat
 - Evening, 5 pm – 9 pm, Possible dates:
 - Tues, March 2nd
 - Weds March 3rd
 - Thurs March 4th
 - NHFPC Committee Meeting: Feb 24th
 - Goals for the NHFPC Working Retreat
 - Council Membership. Melina Shannon-DePietro and Linda Townsend Maier will both step down from the council.
 - Retreat topic: Identify goals for next year. What activities would the council like to do.
 - Retreat topic: Finalize documents for Office of Sustainability
 - Goals for the Food Systems Documents
 - Compilation of Departmental Briefs

3. New Business

- Shaw's closing – advocating for grocery outlet in New Haven
 - Information sharing and asking questions:

- Why was it a grocery store there in the first place? What are the goals for the space and the community? What are the price-point needs for the consumers? What kind of food business can fill this space?
- What are the metrics they are considering for their new locations?
- What could we do as a Council?
- Invite Robin Golden from Yale Law School Community Economic Development Clinic to speak to the Council about the issue.
- Review co-op models
- Why as a Council are we gathering this information? Needs to be a place where people can buy food. Send out letters to parties involved, stating we are interested, we would like to discuss them further. How many businesses have local owners, how are the dollars circulating? What are the goals for job creation? Industry creation? Re-localization

- Fresh Food Financing Initiative

4. Announcements and updates

- CARE Community Dialogues – Community Health Survey Results to be shared at community meetings.
- Council members' updates
- Maria Tuper: Gardening workshop in Westville on March 3rd
- New Haven Land Trust is looking for an Executive Director
- Poultry legislation, movement on CT adopting national exemption.
- Legislation: Organic meat/beef pasture fed rules.

5. Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 17th, 2010

8:00 am - 10:00pm, Meeting Room 3, City Hall