

Meeting Agenda

Douglas County Local Food Policy Council
Monday, December 7, 2009
7-8:30 pm
Fire Station #5- 1911 Stewart Avenue

Welcome

(Re)Introductions

- Name
- Interest and representation on the council

Review

- Why we're here - common goals and vision
- Notes from first (informal) meeting
- Council structure and membership

Priority Agenda Items:

- Goals of the County Commission re: the council
 - Conduct of meetings
 - Terms and term limits
 - Process for appointing new members
 - Formation of an executive committee or working group
 - Communication with County Commissioners
 - Membership and representation
 - Staffing
- Takeaways from the Community Food Security Coalition Conference in Des Moines (mid-October)
 - 3 highlights from each attendee
 - 1 priority action from each attendee
- Discussion of Council focus
 - Economic development and entrepreneurial opportunities
 - Improved health outcomes
 - Positive environmental quality impacts
 - Positive quality-of-life impacts
 - Increased access to and distribution of wholesome, local food

- Support for local producers of sustainable and/or locally-consumed food products
- Identification, preservation, and/or sustainable development of local resources including soil, agricultural land, important breeds/cultivars, water, skilled labor/knowledge, capital, and markets
- Discussion of Priority Tasks/Next Steps
 - Codify council structure and governance?
 - Identify the local food system?
 - Create opportunities for increased cooperation and exchange of knowledge among council representatives and food system components?
 - Establish council mission, priorities, and targets?
 - Identify models/best practices/mentors/resources?
 - Others?

Upcoming conferences and meetings of interest

- Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition Annual Holiday Luncheon
 - Monday, December 14 11:30-1:30
 - Lidia's Restaurant: 101 W. 22nd Street Kansas City, MO 64108
 - Free, must RSVP to Gretchen Burak, at 816.977.9309 or gburak@kchealthykids.org by noon on Friday, December 11.
- The Drake Forum on America's New Farmers: Policy Innovations and Opportunities
 - Thursday and Friday March 4-5, 2010, at the
 - L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington DC.
- Others?

Meeting schedule and topics for discussion at next meeting

- First and third Mondays after 7pm
- Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 21st at 7pm