



Cabarrus Farm and Food Council

Regular Meeting

Thursday October 9th, 2014

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Agenda:

1. Open Discussion Exercise
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Hunger Education Summit Report
4. Cabarrus Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Grant Report
5. Elma C. Lomax Incubator Farm Update
6. CFFC Illuminator discussion
7. Riot in the Pasture Liaison discussion
8. Committee Reports
 - LTHR Advisory Committee
 - OMEED Committee
 - HWHFA Committee
9. Upcoming Events:
 - CFFC NOV Meeting November 13th Kannapolis, NC
 - NC Food Council Forum December 4th and 5th Winston-Salem, NC
 - CFFC Holiday Gathering December 11th Concord, NC
 - CFFC Retreat 9am – 2pm January 24th 2015 Concord, NC

Meeting Minutes:

Megan Shuping described the Open Discussion Exercise and kicked it off.

Welcome and Introductions including our three new members:

Maya Jones, Heath Ritchie and Aaron Newton

Jessica Castrodale gave Summit report including some survey response responses

She also read comments left by the participants

Later in the meeting Emily McKay added information, especially in regards to the process through which 6 schools were identified as in need of assistance and 1 of them was chosen as a pilot program.

Jessica received feedback from CFFC. Question was ask: What internal CFFC event learning opportunities can we take away from this event?

Keila Snellings will compile data into digital format. Aaron Newton will send her existing school garden spreadsheet.

Greg Allford can help connect Lowes Home Improvement with garden efforts.

Erin Bayer gave REACH Grant update

CDC grant for \$2.5 million - 3 year grant connecting partnerships in this effort

Finalizing budget and specifics. 5 positions included in the grant. Job postings are up now

Erin will continue to update

Aaron Newton gave Lomax update.

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association operating Lomax under agreement with Cabarrus

County. Comprehensive fundraising plan underway. Barnstormer campaign needs gifts.

<https://www.barnraiser.us/>

Aaron Newton is transitioning to CFFC membership and no longer serves as staff liaison to Cabarrus County. The Council has a need for someone who can take notes at meetings and do some minor record-keeping for CFFC. This person will serve as the CFFC Illuminator, a more interesting title than secretary. No one volunteered at the meeting to take on this role. Might need to recruit for the position from outside

Shelia Armstrong shared information about Bread Riot and Catawba College Center for the Environment.

Tuesday Oct28th: Documentary and Panel Discussion - *A Place at the Table*

Registration require. Visit the website.

www.centerfortheEnvironment.org

Bread Riot is offering a winter CSA

Local Food Project database within Cabarrus and Rowan Project was created and needs some work.

Trish Cramer to serve as liaison to Bread Riot. Trish and Sheila to coordinate

Jim Dudley gave an update on the work of the Long Term Hunger Relief (LTHR) Advisory Committee.

Aaron gave a history of LTHR effort – to date it has been focused on better understanding the aid agencies and their needs and resources

How should this group interface with CFFC?

Mapping the causes of hunger as an idea

Colleen McDaniel gave an update for HWHFA Committee.

CFFC garden is fully planted out.

Potentially a Garden Committee/Group to oversee garden within HWHFA

Colleen has the tiles for the garden.

Aaron to send garden image to Colleen and Erin and Megan

Garden contest between beds/organizations?

Jessica Castrodale gave CMC – Northeast CAN Community Garden update

Lead Employee - Johnathan Zimmerman Oct 20th – 75 days of construction

Megan gave an update for OMEED Committee

Facebook- need to add Marcia and Emily as administrators

We need a better subscription rate for emails from CFFC website.

www.cabarrusfpc.org

Perhaps sign up at meetings or in some other way for subscription.

Marcia to share monthly email request for info

Colleen met with Charlotte School of Law regarding 501c3 status of CFFC.

2 more meetings with Charlotte School of Law are scheduled. No explicit timeline was revealed but hopeful the process will be complete in 3 months or so.

Trish gave update for NC Food Council Forum in December.

Delegate number to be determined and Trish will share that information in the future.

Aaron gave Rotary Square update:

Construction done Oct 24th. Nov Opening Ceremony. May 22015 Grand Opening

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Respectfully Recorded by Aaron Newton