

# Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 12, 2024 - 5:30 pm

Powderhorn Recreation Center, 3400 15th Ave S

**Members Present:** Jenny Breen, Jason Cintorino, Ed Eiffler Jaramillo, Kevin Ellis, Rebecca Gross, Angela Gustafson, Natalie Haberman, Kim Havey, David Herrera Santacruz, Destiny Jones, Kristen Klingler, Emily Mattheisen, J. DeVon Nolen, Anne Stahn, Chris Waters, Todd Western, Cory Wintersteen, and Katelyn Yee (Quorum: 13)

**Members Absent:** Paola Ehrmantraut, Mykela Jackson, and Marcus Kar

**Staff :** Grace Rude

## Call To Order

1. Roll Call.

### **Quorum Present**

2. Adoption of the agenda.

Motion by Todd Western to adopt the agenda and seconded by Kevin Ellis.

### **Action Taken: Adopted**

3. Acceptance of minutes

Motion by Destiny Jones to adopt the agenda and seconded by Kevin Ellis.

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### **Action Taken: Accepted**

## Discussion

4. Icebreaker

Community and council members briefly introduced themselves with name, pronouns, and summer activities outdoors.

### **Action Taken: No action taken**

5. Minneapolis Food Action Plan updates

Alison Babb provided an overview of the Minneapolis Food Vision and Food Action Plan. She then shared updates about the Urban Agriculture and Food Waste workplans of the Food Action Plan.

The Urban Ag update included discussion of a land inventory and a technical advisory committee in July. There was also an update from Becca Gross on the transfer of 7 city owned lots to the Minneapolis Parks and Rec board. Edible Boulevards and current happenings with that initiative were also discussed.

**Action Taken: Received and filed**

6. Report back on May food council meeting feedback and next steps

Report back on executive committee from Todd Western and Kevin Ellis. There was discussion on voluntary meeting outside of Food Council meetings for action teams. Volunteers for the co-chair of the action teams are as follow:

1. Food Skills Paola and Natalie
2. Equitable: Emily and Destiny
3. Urban Ag: Jason and Kevin
4. Local Food: Monte Jones and Todd
5. Wasted food: Cory and Katelyn

**Action Taken: Approved**

7. Right to Food presentation and discussion

Emily Mattheisen presented on the Right to Food initiative. An overview of the theory, examples of the theory in practice around the country, and how this theory aligns with Minneapolis' current and proposed future work was discussed.

[Right to Food presentation, June 2024](#)

**Action Taken: No action taken**

## **Announcements**

8. Food Council member and community member announcements if time permits
  1. Two events for Renewing the Countryside
    - Tuesday June 25: Growers Research Exchange Neighborhood House
      - Support for community members growing food, emerging farmers, etc
      - Dinners is provided
      - Located at Big River Farms
    - Sat Jun 29<sup>th</sup>: Field Day at Urban Roots
      - Located at Riverly Bluff Farm
      - Showcasing urban roots and engaging youth
  2. Hennepin County Food Security Position
    - Closing date Friday
    - Can be found on the government jobs website.

3. Homegrown was slated to speak about ongoing work on July 10<sup>th</sup> Public Health and Safety, but has been moved to September.
  - During business hours
  - Food Council members are encouraged to attend to show support
4. This will be Kim Havey's last official food council meeting, he has left the city.
5. Moses Viveros' will be transitioning to a new role outside of the City.

**Action Taken: Received and filed**

**Adjournment**