

Westside Food Security Collaborative

February 15, 2011 Minutes

Attending:

Spring Gillard, Sally Speers, Ross Moster, Gord McGee (Minutes), Ellen Wickburg, Dellie Lidyard

Major Action items:

- Gord to develop first draft agenda for WFSC annual Goal and vision setting meeting for review by steering committee and members
- Spring and Sally: meet to discuss strategy for sustainability of Fruit and Veggie Deal
- Dellie (and potentially Charlotte) to help organize Van 125 grant cultural potlucks

Major Decisions:

- Need to create issue priorities for grants that WFSC pursues (ie. Which of the many Westside issues should be addressed, and how). To be reviewed at WFSC annual meeting

1. Planning for 2011 Annual Goal setting meeting: Vision, goals, objectives for 2011; Review of protocols

- Spring suggested we need to create protocol for deciding what direction particular grants should take, which priorities need to be supported, and also communication by steering committee around this kind of issue;
- Action: Gord to work on setting up draft agenda for meeting
- Date: soon, next month, 3 wks, first or 2nd week in March
- Length: min 3+hrs
- Potential facilitators: Nicole, Lisa

2. Wfsc potluck event and van 125 grant event brief

- Looking at combining the WFSC Potluck event with the culture and food security series being applied for by KNH in a 125 yr anniversary City of Vancouver Grant.
- Gord to look at Kits Cmnty Centre, for contacts for cultural groups. Potential for Dellie to be involved as cultural partner and organizer

3. Food Recovery Work shop and Kits Growers Market

Gord is organizing a food recovery workshop to bring together Food Service Providers on the Westside that will provide training in using the Shared Harvest website for sourcing food, developing relationships with businesses, grocery stores in neighbourhood for food recovery and looking at ideas to overcome common challenges for accessing food recovery: transportation and storage.

Spring suggested using a speed dating approach amongst meal programs and businesses, where 1 grocery store could meet with 5 meal programs in an hour, etc.

Importance of media involvement in this venture, Courier. Spring to help Gord work on media

Kits Growers Market looking for funding, approximately 6k, to continue to run the market for 4 months this summer after receiving tremendous support from the community. Fundraising efforts to create a subsidized market dollar program are critical as well.

4. Fruit and Veggie Deal

Sally pointed out that the FAVD has been running at a deficit for the last 6 months. She is wondering if she should raise the box cost or close it down?

There are less people buying and the cost of food for the box is going up.

This is a priority for the community. Delleie wonders if it is the best place for \$ to go? If it's not supported, perhaps it's not needed? Spring suggested that it is perhaps not well used because the program has not been supported financially and properly promoted. She also feels a delivery component is vital.

Action: Spring: wants to support Sally by having a meeting to look at issues and options, will keep wfsc up to date.

5. Standing updates:

Vancouver Food Policy Council Meeting(Ross): Food Secure Vancouver study, a 3 year study on all aspects of food security in Vancouver, to be published soon (Date?)

Creation of 4 new neighbourhood networks. Ross pointed out that in some of these neighbourhood Village Vancouver has networks

Two new committees starting: youth food policy council, support of urban farmers network (Chris Thoreau)

Number of working groups in action: food strategy group coordinating food policy, a food waste group, and a food resiliency group to name a few

Network of Networks (funded food groups neighbourhood meeting)

In governance stage, developing mission, each of the five groups that received the greenest city grants are supposed to report to the community on their work, group decided that it is best to showcase as a whole, at Stonesoup or Potluck 125 series.

VFPC may be able to help coordinate that event.