



Burlington Food Council
August 10, 2009
9 – 10:30 AM Fletcher Free Library, Pickering Room
Agenda

Facilitator and Timekeeper: Mandy Davis
Minutes: Erika Merrell

Present: Beth McKellips, Sunny Leporati, Mandy Davis, Jen Cirillo, Chris Simard, Jess Hyman, Glenn McRae, Nina Dahlstedt Buss, Julie Cole, Kit Perkins, Bobby Young, Erika Merrell, Kit Perkins, Will Raap

9- 9:05 Approval of Minutes (5 minutes)
Approved

9:05 – 9:10 Introductions (5 minutes)

9:10 – 9:30 Committee Updates (20 minutes)

- **Strategic Planning Committee**

Future coordination of FC-

- Erika's term ends this week
- Legacy no longer has capacity to do all of FC coordination
- Legacy can: reserve space for meetings
- SP group looking into hiring part time staff person for the FC
 - host 6 annual meetings and strategic planning meetings
 - increase visibility of the FC
- Putting together an internal job description and thinking about how many hours this person would work
- another VISTA for next year- maybe starting in Feb?

Thursdays at the Intervale

- co-hosted by FC
- this Thursday, Aug 13th
- 5:30 PM

- **Communication and Coordination Committee**

Website-

- working with Union Street Media to launch soon
- first yr, including monthly fees, free
- next yr, will be \$30/month- should be able to raise funds for this by then, or Legacy will pay
- this site will be separate from any other organizations' sites

- **Community Outreach and Education Committee**

Generated list of potential guest speakers

9:30- 9:40 Vote on October Guest Speaker (10 minutes)

Oct 5th guest speakers will be Diane Imrie and Julie Cole, who will talk about Fletcher Allen's work to increase healthy, local meals, etc.

Other suggestions for speakers included Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, Jim Flint- Friends of Burlington Gardens, Lisa Coven/Dan Cahill- Parks and Rec (2nd choice), and the Burlington School Food Project.

9:40 – 10:00 Education and Enrichment: Guest speaker- Beth McKellips, Intervale Intern, “Strategic Land Use Plan for Chittenden County” (20 minutes)

Please go to the Intervale Center Food Hub website to download a copy of Beth's paper if you are interested.

10:00 – 10:20 Connection to Burlington Food Council (20 minutes)

Central database of food-related info needed

- CRS Food Systems Research Collaborative- looking to design online database
 - sign up at crs.uvm.edu, click food systems
- Farm to Plate- not knowing what other groups are doing is the #1 issue now
- FC could make info accessible to those not already concerned with food issues

Chain stores

- harder to get them to buy local because have volume and pricing requirements

Burlington or regional Food Council

- maybe limiting selves by just serving Burlington
- maybe December speaker should be more regional

10:20 – 10:30 Wrap-Up and Evaluation (10 minutes)

Meeting Evaluation

What went well

Great presentation

Good conversation related to the presentation

Idea of expanding regionally

Could be improved

Intervale overrepresented- should have more representation from other orgs

Next Meeting- October 5th, 2009- 9 to 10:30 AM in Fletcher Free Library's Pickering Room