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**Burlington Food Council Meeting
October 3, 2007
9:00-10:30 am, Fletcher Free Library Community Room**

Present: Steve Scuderi (Food Shelf); Doug Davis (BSD Food Service); Pat Matton (BSD Food Service); Emily Hilliard (BSD Food Service); Elana Dyer (SSP); Diane Imrie (FAHC); Jen Green (Legacy); Wanda Hines (Legacy); Bonnie Acker (Edmunds parent); Kara Buchanan (Hunt parent); Abbie Nelson (NOFA/FEED); Amy Chambers (Shel. Farms); Megan Peek (BC/BS, Barnes parent); Bryan Stewart (Healthy City); Matt Ticker (FEED); Annie Reinert (Burlington Timebank); Amanda Wolfstein (UVM); Kim Norris (FEED); Kathy Chasan (BSD School Board); Rob Meehan (Food Shelf); Stephanie Clark (Legacy)

I. Introductions and Announcements/Events

- a. Legacy Town Meeting: 11/28/07, Wednesday, 5-7:30
 - i. Dinner, entertainment, FFN Local Heroes Awards (classroom, cafeteria, community)
- b. FEED: "Edible Green Mountains" magazine has 1st issue printed, FEED and SSP have articles
- c. Share the Harvest event 10/4/07, FEED website has list of participating businesses, profits help fund supported CSAs
- d. FAHC: ABC World News carrying story on local food in hospitals, may highlight FAHC
- e. VT School Nutrition Assoc. mtg 10/18/07 at Windjammer, Doug Davis attending and will push for local foods to be part of USDA commodity foods list
- f. Blue Cross/Blue Shield: Farm to School film screened at NEK Board, well-received and will be doing small grants for schools without F2S funding in order to get FEED into those schools
- g. Flatbread benefit bake: Sunday, 11/11/07, \$8/bread goes to BSFP (lunch and dinner!)
- h. School Lunch Week is week of Oct. 22nd, lots of need for volunteers to help with Taste Tests
- i. Raspberry picking: Friday, Oct. 5th, Healthy City van can carry 10 people to Riverberry Farm (Fairfax), will be processed and frozen as puree to use through BSD

II. Discussion: What to Do with Healthy City's Former Field

- a. 1.7 acres, water on-site, near "start" of Intervale
- b. Would like to make community gathering spot and self-guided outdoor classroom with interpretive signs
 - i. What do we want to teach kids (and their families) about agriculture?
 - ii. Target is pre-K through adult ages
- c. Would include:
 - i. Illustrative plantings: by crop family, what's a fruit/veg (biology/botany), BSD crops on-site with labels ("this tomato will go to your school!", etc.)
 - ii. Comfortable seating (shade? Benches?) with signage
 - iii. Pick-your-own spaces
 - iv. Emphasize place-based education: Intervale, ag, Abenaki heritage and creation stories

- v. Nutrition education
- vi. Use Children's Discovery Garden as model? – family destination with plots, tables, shade
- vii. Themes and seasonal rotation – corn maze?
- viii. Multi-lingual interpretive signs (40 languages in BSD now)
- ix. Handwashing sink and space for cleaning
 - x. Seedling cultivation space (have donated greenhouse), seedlings then used to start most school gardens
 - xi. “passive education”: maps with self-guided scavenger hunts around property
- d. Get feedback: sit down with teachers and past/current HC teens to get design ideas and concepts of what's interesting, helpful, and informative

III. PTO Outreach and Representation

- a. Every school has some type of PTO/Food and Wellness group, encourage reps from each group to attend
- b. Legacy will invite PTO members to Food Council
- c. Hold FC at various schools throughout the District to encourage community buy-in and be presence in schools

IV. Fundraising Updates

a. Jr. Iron Chef

- i. April 12, 2008 at Champlain Valley Expo (Essex Jct.), about 10am-6pm
- ii. Entertainment by Hammer and Saw, others?
- iii. Statewide scope, lots of interested partners (VT Fresh Network)
- iv. \$100 entry fee/team (HS and Middle School divisions), 3-5 kids and 2 adults per team
- v. Prizes for top teams, various vendors and tabling on-site throughout day
- vi. Iron Chef committee meeting periodically, email Stephanie to be put on this list

b. “American Machine”

- i. Opening night sold out, huge success!
- ii. Jim Lantz (playwright) is a great supporter of BSFP, hope to continue this relationship, knows us through Bonnie

i. Next Meeting

- Monday, Nov. 5th, 9-10:30am, Barnes Community Room
- Agenda Items: Iron Chef event update, Flatbread promotion, School Lunch Week feedback, FFN Local Heroes (for Town Meeting)