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Burlington Food Council

7/29/08 9:00-10:15am

Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library

Present: Doug Davis, Pat Matton, Emily Hilliard, Jenn McGowan, Kathy Chasan, Bonnie Acker, Matt Tucker, Elana Dyer, Amy Starinski, Dana Hudson (with baby Grady!), Diane Imrie, Kim Norris, Jen Green (staff), Steph Clark (staff), Dawn N. (Legacy guest – volunteer/fundraiser)

Announcements:

- Diane: Doug (and BSD Food Service) featured in most recent “Food Service Director” magazine, Doug is named as Food Service Director of the Month!
- Bonnie was featured in a story on local food in July's “VT Life”
- Intervale updates: new Executive Director (Glen McRae – from UVM Snelling Center) stars Monday (8/4/08); Compost process ongoing...; Healthy City production field flooded, \$10,000 loss of crops – *looking for donations to offset the damage!*

Sea World/Busch Gardens Award

- Dawn is a volunteer with Legacy, looking to work on an award proposal from Busch Gardens/Sea World - \$10,000 to recognize work done with kids with enviro focus
- 5 questions on application, heavily enviro-focused, not much indicated on food-system-specific work...but very open and timely!
- Due November 15, 2008
- Need to emphasize connection to land with place-based ed and enviro work, also sustainable and regenerative food and ag systems
- Project ideas/comments:
 - k-6 science curriculum is themed with “food lens”, could highlight that work and use award for professional development/support (through SSP/FEED/Intervale)
 - BHS-based “carbon footprint” demo project that connects elementary and high school students? (local food and indicator, highlight new woodchip burner, etc.)
 - FAHC recently did fish and seafood assessment and developed system of classifying seafood options (red, yellow, green light) especially for pediatric/mom/elderly populations – focused on mercury levels, food miles, and sustainable fishing practices

BSFP Updates, Next Steps, and More!

- Need to revisit workplan for 2008-2009
 - New workplan to be developed at next few FC meetings!
- Is the original Action Plan in need of an update? (Consensus: probably yes!)
- What players are here (and not here) after 5 years – and why?
- Who do we want to invite or re-invite for the next 5 years?
- How can we “market” to the people we serve?

- The people who know least about the goings-on of the BSFP tend to be the people who are most served by it: school kids, food shelf clients, etc.

Closing, Final Notes, and Next Meeting - Wednesday, 9/17/08, 9-10:30am. Location TBA

Note: This is Steph's last Food Council meeting – she's headed west at the end of August when VISTA ends! New Food Council leadership models are being developed and discussed due to the fact that there is not another general Legacy VISTA next year, please email if you have any comments/questions/insights on the staffing model that you think will best support the BSFP and FC

****Homework for the next meeting!**

1. Please answer the questions below
2. Please read the Action Plan (attached) and be ready to discuss
3. Please be ready to ID successes so we can celebrate them!

Questions upon which to reflect...

Have have your efforts (personal/organizational) been strengthened by the work of the Food Council?

Are there ways the FC has hindered your work? (frustrations/limitations)

Where are major successes and benefits, and where are major drawbacks? (internal and external)

Are we operating as “individual stars” or as a “constellation”? - which model works for you right now, and in the future?