



greencitiescoalition



localfoodworkgroup

Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2009

7:00pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 5. Location is TBD. Convener: Deb Carr.

Present

- Steve Saint – Pikes Peak Justice & Peace Center, Chairman Green Cities Coalition.
Concern/Desire: Our main needs are food, water, shelter, and air. The only thing we are not paying for (yet) is air.
- Steve Hale – Arts & Antiques, concerned citizen, vegetarian group past 6 months.
- Ingrid Janse – Janse Innovations, looking to start a Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) garden at north end of Colorado Springs.
Concern/Desire: more local food, CSA, preservation
- Frank Kinder – Sustainability consultant at Fort Carson.
Concerns: challenges industrialization of food, externalities, pollution, wages, pesticides, additives, hormones, education. Desires a Community Garden at Fort Carson.
- Kyryn Kinder – Elementary School teacher, on sabbatical, makes eco friendly dolls, works with Colorado Farm Art Market (CFAM)
- Deb Carr – Horticultural Therapist, Master Gardener, Minor in Sustainability from UCCS.
Concern/Desire: to start “Leap of Faith Farms”, providing a therapeutic transition for formerly incarcerated people. Other concerns: carbon footprint, pesticides. Desires: wants transparency, safety, positive energy, and support that comes with local food production.
- Lisa Mills – Concerned Citizen.
Concern/Desire: more local food, organics
- Scott Harvey – Structural Engineer.
Concern/Desire: manipulation of food genes; terminator seeds, heirloom seeds disappearing; using waste heat for greenhouses

My Pretty Goat Talks Latin – An approach to Strategic Planning

Steve Saint presented an outline which has been developed to streamline community organizations. A handout is available that describes the approach in detail.

The following are high-level items that will be fleshed out: Mission, Priorities, Goals, Tactics, Logistics, Building Consensus, Elements of Tactical Plan.

The group determined that we would like to have some other key organizations/ key players from the Pikes Peak area on the Local Food Work Group, and are going to invite them to the next meeting.

Following is a list (not exhausted though):

- Farm Bureau
 - Becky Elder
 - Judith Rice Jones
 - Melissa – Care & Share
 - Michelle Mikatis
 - Larry Stebbins – Pikes Peak Urban Gardens
 - Tisha Casida – That’s Natural (Pueblo)
 - CSU Extension Office – Katherine Moravec
 - Peak to Plains Alliance
 - City Staff
 - Other Cities/Areas
 - Northern Colorado Food Incubator
- <http://nocofoodincubator.com/>

Mission Statement

After some discussion about collaboration, creating critical mass, duplication, we came up with the following mission statement:

“It is the Local Food Work Group’s mission to promote access to and expansion of locally grown food through education and collaboration.”

Prioritization

Doing a round-table, we came up with the following concerns and desires that can translate into Priorities. We are planning to continue this conversation next month, with other key players present to contribute.

Not in any order of priority:

- COOP
- CSA (maybe create a CSA staffed by rehab that GCC buys into – example of tactic)
- Urban Gardening
- Farmers Markets
- Community Gardening
- Poor Farm
- Organics
- Living Soil – Permaculture
- Year-Around Gardening
- Food Policies
- Heirloom Seeds – Terminator Seeds
- Disseminate existing information.

Miscellaneous tidbits.

Doodle.com – for creating surveys

Northwest Earth Institute – Voluntary Simplicity class, see <http://www.greencoloradosprings.org>

Joel Salatin – Polyface Farms - <http://www.polyfacefarms.com/default.aspx>

Mentioned Books (no ISBN, sorry Deb!)

“Omnivore’s Dilemma” – Michael Pollan

“Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life” - Barbara Kingsolver, Camille Kingsolver, Steven L. Hopp

Global Earth Menu?

“Celestine Prophecy” – James Redfield

“King Corn” – movie