

Minutes
Mayor's Initiative for Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems
May 10, 2013
10:00 – 11:30, City Hall, Room 209

1. Welcome Introductions of meeting attendees.

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introduced themselves. In attendance: Mayor Michael Brennan, Jeremy Bloom (Internet Farmer), Jim Hanna (United Way), Stefanie Trice Gill (Portland Public Schools), Stephanie Pooler (Healthy Portland), Jonah Fertig (Local Sprouts Coop), Tim Fuller (Healthy Portland), Lisa Fernandes (Eat Local Foods Coalition, Resilience Hub), Clara Coleman (Four-Season Farm Consulting), Craig Lapine (Cultivating Community), Sam May (Slow Money Maine, MOFGA), John Naylor (Rosemont), Hazel Ongrud (Citizen), Ron Adams (Portland Public Schools Food Services), Troy Moon (City of Portland), Mike Dixon (Citizen).

2. Updates:

a. Fruit trees

Bloom gave an update on planting Chestnut Trees in Baxter Woods. The trees were donated.

b. MOFGA GMO legislation

May gave an update on the GMO legislation.

c. Urban agriculture

The subcommittee stated a desire for public outreach and provided an update on community gardens and there was additional discussion on finding a larger site for urban farming. The Mayor asked for an update on opportunities for urban farming. The group also discussed the complete streets policy, green infrastructure, four-season's gardening, and toxic soil busters.

d. Healthy vending

A presentation on a healthy vending program was provided including brochures. The group discussed the program. The Mayor asked for more information at the next meeting.

e. Summer meals program

The group discussed the need to help parents know about the program and the need for a coordinated marketing effort.

3. Discussion of public outreach and public forum.

Bloom presented an idea of a website. The group would discuss public outreach at an upcoming meeting

4. New business.

5. Confirm date for next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

6. Adjourn.