



## Meeting Minutes

**Work Group:** City Innovations

Date: February 19, 2010

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 am

Location: PHLP office

### Attendance

Heather Wooten, Nathan McClintock, Margot Lederer Prado, Christopher Waters, Trina Barton, Alethea Harper

### General Discussion

- Special events coordinator at the Oakland Museum is very interested in an educational event in the fall.
  - If we can get Michael Pollan and Dick Walker involved the museum should be excited
  - Would be ideal to have a Friday night event, full day Saturday, and maybe kid-oriented events on Sunday morning,
  - Keep an exhibit on the history of ag in Oakland/the CA economy up in a hallway for a month or so (small farms to Granny Goose, Safeway, Blue Bottle, etc). Also follow stories of families and businesses such as Tina Ramos, the Cotella family, etc – interview by Youth Radio?
  - Fundraising: set out clear guidelines on what strings are attached if someone funds us
    - Money could be donated directly to the museum for the event, rather than to us
    - Keep things simple when acknowledging funders – no logo on letterhead, etc
- Mike Yohay of Cityscape Farms would like to talk with Margot about identifying an appropriate location for his business and navigating the permitting/approval process
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### Agenda Item 1: Approval of minutes

- **Action:** Approved

### Agenda Item 2: Debrief from meeting with planners

- **Discussion:**

- We should provide them with farmers' market definitions and operational standards for markets, to be adopted as a zoning bulletin
- We should define civic and commercial urban ag (anytime you're selling produce, it becomes commercial urban ag), and recommend that commercial urban ag be permitted in residential zones with a certain lot size
- **Action:**
  - Margot will send out sample operating standards, so we can work up something similar for each of our issue areas
  - Heather will work on definitions and standards for farmers' markets
  - Heather and Nathan will work on operating standards for urban ag, and work on clarifying what is civic and what is commercial
  - Margot will ask Neil to send over new code for grocery

**Agenda Item 3:** Update on policy/agency scan being conducted by Food First intern team

- **Discussion:**
  - After the scan is complete, OFPC members will help the intern team add a recommendation or two for each policy and agency, as needed
  - Live animal issues are partly overseen by the county
  - Roosters: are they regulated under the noise ordinance?
  - County "vector control" will tell how many animals per acre are allowed
- **Action:**
  - Send back comments on policy/agency scan over the next week or so

**Agenda Item 4:** Whole Measures for Community Food Security tool: questions etc

- **Discussion:**
  - Reviewed filter definitions
  - Recommended that we repeat the tool annually to track changes

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**Minutes submitted by** Alethea Harper.