

Community Food Council for DNATL

Minutes
October 15, 2012

RHS Conference Room

In attendance:

Name	Agency
Paul Ronjoin	Self
Pearl Gonzalez	VISTA AmeriCorps
Brian Quilty	VISTA
Angie Fuhrmann	DHHS-PHB
Rachel McCain	NPS
Melody Cannon	DHHS
Michele Thomas	Triplicate
Keegan Niland	BHC
Radiance Santifer	BHC
Angela Glore	
Paul Madeira	Ocean Air Farms
Ron Philips	RHS
Paul Hess	
Thomas Wortman	
Dolly Noon	
Bob Berkowitz	Lifestyles Research

Commenced 5:00pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Ron Philips opened the meeting; everyone in attendance went around introducing themselves and saying what agency they were from.

II. Elect Co-Chairs

- This topic was skipped since there were not enough members there to have a vote.

III. Food Day Update

- Michele Thomas gave an update on the Food Day activities that will begin this Saturday. She explained that she has begun to receive art for the Food Day Art Show and that Laura Weiss had a group of 8-9 kids that worked on some art to help decorate the Arts and Crafts Building. Everything is mostly set in place, but volunteers are still needed to help set up and clean up each day. Kelly Nolan has agreed to oversee building set up and clean up. Volunteers are needed at 4:00pm on Friday, 5:00pm on Saturday and Sunday for broom/trash, 3:00pm on Monday, before 6:00pm on Tuesday to reset room, Wednesday is the same set up, and Thursday before 5:00pm.
- Ron Philips offered to help with the volunteers. Melody Cannon mentioned Bar-O Boys as an option for getting volunteers.
- Michele Thomas explained the Health Care District donated \$1600 and the California Endowment gave \$8000 for all the activities. Michael Brady donated all the sound equipment. As far as advertising, we are on the National website, radio, newspaper, and several live calls are planned.

IV. Prop 37 Discussion

- Angie Fuhrmann gave a short presentation on Prop 37; talking about its pros and cons. Angela Glore added on that the most common way to genetically modify a plant is to literally shoot genetic information into a plant with a gun. Michele Thomas added that with all the anti-Prop-37 advertisements airing, the margin is getting smaller for those for and against it.
- Angie Fuhrmann added that while attending the Heirloom Tomatoes Conference, a major concern of GMO food was that it caused leaky gut syndrome in rats and humans were beginning to encounter similar symptoms. She mentioned another good resource is the “Genetic Roulette” movie that you can watch online at <http://geneticroullettemovie.com/>.

V. Public Comments and Announcements

- Angela Glore said this will be her last meeting before she moves to Pennsylvania. She thanked everyone for making the Food Council a reality and wished it the best of luck.
- Ron Philips thanked Angela for all she has done and talked about the Food Council’s first year.

- After the meeting, everyone was encouraged to go to the City Council meeting to represent the Food Council as the Food Day activities were being acknowledged.

Adjourned 5:50pm