

Food and Nutrition Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 6, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Frogtown Farm, 941 Lafond Ave. Ste. 200, St. Paul, MN 55104

Members present: Nadja Berneche, Diane Dodge, Rebecca Mino, Metric Giles

Members excused: Paul Patte, Hua Vang

Members not present: Boa Her

Others present: Lane Rapp, Elise Hanson, Louie Broughten, Anna Larson, Heather Peterson, Julie Seiber, Hannah Jastram, Xp Lee, Naomi Klionsky, Marc Johnson, Mary Montagne, Marcell Giles, Jaya Davis

Welcome by Nada Berneche, the chair. Introductions by all. Brief announcements were made:

- 20th Annual Community Celebration- **Community Peace Celebration on Friday, June 17th** from 2:00-6:00pm at Ober Community Center, 376 Western, Saint Paul, 55103.
- Community walking event with Rose Brewer on **Wednesday June 29th** Contact [Diane Dodge](#) for more information.
- Xp, Community Coordinator from Frogtown Farm shared a variety of events happening at the Farm. Check out their [website](#) for details!

Xiongpaio (Xp) provided an overview of [Frogtown Farm](#) and took attendees on a tour after the meeting. Frogtown Farm started construction in 2015 and is in its first growing season this year. For information on current events, news, photos, and more check out their [website](#).

Nadja provided an update on the [MN Urban Ag Bill](#) (HF 3324) which was not funded in this legislative session. The [Good Food Access Fund](#) was allocated \$250,000 for fresh food access in retail settings, this amount was below the proposed amount of \$10 million/year. The next step is to plan for next session with both policy agenda items. **Next steps moving forward with FNC involvement in food policy includes:**

- ✓ Members reviewing the past Voter's Guide
- ✓ Connecting with Voices for Racial Justice
- ✓ Planning collaborative strategies with others

Member business included: a call for a new co-chair, update on status of appointing new members, and plans to cancel July meeting. When new members are appointed by the City and County an orientation will be held in lieu of a July meeting.

A strong discussion on moving forward with Comp Planning locally and metro-wide was had by all attendees. Nadja reviewed details from a meeting with Lucy Thompson, Principal City Planner for City of Saint Paul. Saint Paul plans to conduct various community engagement sessions throughout the City to impact the [Saint Paul Comp Plan](#) which is due to the Met Council by December 2018. Many other metro area counties are working with their City Planners on addressing access to healthy food and active living in the next edition of the Plans. **Next steps are to work with Nadja Berneche, Comp Planning Coordinator, and other partners to collaborate, develop talking points, stories, and data points around healthy food access issues within our County.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. **Please remember the July meeting is canceled.**

2016 DATES	Meeting Location:
July 11, 2016	This meeting is canceled.
August 1, 2016	TBD