

Community Food Security Coalition
Proposed Community Economic Development Committee

Minutes

Steering Committee Meeting

April 10, 2007
telephone conference call
1:30 to 2:30 pm central time

Members present: Katherine Pigott, Ken Meter.

Hannah Laurison, Brahm Ahmadi, Kai Siedenbug, Kelly Thompson and Rich Pirog notified the convenor that they were unable to attend.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the February 13 meeting were reviewed.

News items:

CFSC has announced final guidelines for forming committees.

There will be a fall working meeting at CFSC, tentatively scheduled for December, which will be an opportunity for members of working committees to meet with each other and form closer collaborations. Although this committee has not been officially formed, it seems likely that some of us, at least, will be invited to attend. We may also want to consider filing a formal application to be considered a committee prior to that meeting.

Outline for proposed brochure/paper:

It seems we have the basis for writing both a longer paper outlining the case for food as a critical strategy for community economic development, and also a shorter brochure that can be used for broader publicity. We might aim for editorship of a special issue of the CFSC newsletter, perhaps in fall, 2008.

Katherine and Ken will work on refining drafts of these two documents. We hope to have a next draft finished by May 15, with a final draft by the end of May. Comments on the drafts that were sent out to committee members are highly welcome.

The next meeting of the committee, by teleconference, was scheduled for June 12, 2007, at 1:30 pm central time (11:30 am pacific, 12:30 pm mountain, and 2:30 pm eastern).