

SEOC Meeting Minutes

MEETING TITLE: Bi-weekly Meeting

DATE: August 18, 2008

TIME: 5:30-7:00pm

PLACE: Pelican's

ATTENDEES:

Isaac Rutel

Bruce Vigon

Carol Davis

Bob Davis

CALL TO ORDER – Isaac 5:55pm

PREVIOUS MINUTES: approved with one change – correction to bank account balance (3 ayes, 0 nays).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Alternative Energy Forum** – Isaac still needs to contact Lindsey to check status on advertising campaign. Teresa will re-confirm with panelists and provide updated info if necessary. Bruce to provide additional copies of flyer and large poster for on-site.
2. **Insurance** – Isaac will proceed to get this coordinated and in place through OSN. Work is still on-going.
3. **Community Garden/Orchard** – Need to think about what would provide a “hook” for the site compared with for example small plots a scattered locations or backyard gardening. Providing water for the plots may be one thing. Perhaps some type of instruction or expertise provided to prospective gardeners would be another. Determined this is a lower priority than getting the farmers market going.
4. **MWC Farmers Market** – Proceeding with the start up of one in the late spring at Rose State. Need to get with administration and relevant departments to work specifics. Still in work. Carol Davis has an interest in being a market manager and is taking a series of courses to get the background to do this.

We discussed a number of aspects of operations and SEOC involvement. The basic question is who sets policy for the group or perhaps more basically what role or relationship does SEOC have at the startup and then later after operations are on-going. It was thought that the operating board should be largely agricultural in nature but that SEOC could have one member to keep perspective on the sustainability principles on which the market was founded. SEOC would also provide guidance at startup and then would step back. The local foods committee has an interest in identifying candidates and otherwise helping to form the operating board.

In order to learn the “hows” and “whats” of starting and operating a market, there will be visits to the markets in Choctaw, Moore, and Edmond to discuss lessons learned with their operational staff. This is still in progress

For both potential MWC locations there was a desire to see about them accepting payment with food stamps. Follow up with Doug Walton to see how this needs to be set up. Still need to follow up on how to set up the market to accept WIC payments.

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5. **Harvest Seasonal Pot Luck** – confirmed location to be one of the pavilions at Choctaw Creek Park. Date is set of October 18 at noon (should allow the local vendors to attend). Need to contact Choctaw to reserve pavilion. Also discussed the possibility of working with the Buy Fresh, Buy Local folks to work with us on food preparation.
6. **Book discussion** – moved to October (11th or 25th?). Materials still in preparation.
7. **SEOC Local Foods Committee** – will have a meeting to discuss the community garden and farmers market on 8/16.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The balance is about \$125. Isaac worked with BOK regarding the problems with the web access.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **America Recycles Day** – is on November 15 this year. Bruce offered a suggestion to work with Midwest City to see if we could do a one day Adopt-a Street project where we would separate the collected materials for recycling where possible.
2. **22nd Annual Renaissance Run** (September 27) – A suggestion was made to see about having this be a sustainable event, e.g. recycling of all water containers, recycled content runners tags, etc. The group was not sure there was enough time to get this done.
3. **East OK County Farmers Market** – tentatively put some names and dates together for coverage next several weeks (Bruce – 8/23, Carol – 8/30, Isaac – 9/6 (decided to skip), Teresa – 9/13).

ACTION ITEMS/POCs/DUE DATES:

1. Follow up with Lindsey on advertising for Alt. Energy Forum/Rutel/8-8.
2. Print up flyers and poster for Alt. Energy forum/Bruce/8-30.
3. Arrange insurance with OSN/Rutel/9-3.
4. Visit farmers markets to get understanding of start up requirements and ops know how/Bob/9-17.
5. Follow up with Midwest City regarding the America Recycles Day activity/Bruce/9-2.
6. Pot Luck pavilion reservation/?/9-8.

NEXT MEETING: 9/8/2008, 5:30 pm, Pelican's

ADJOURN: 6:50 pm