

# SEOC Meeting Minutes

MEETING TITLE: Bi-weekly Meeting

DATE: August 4, 2008

TIME: 6:00-7:00pm

PLACE: Pelican's

## ATTENDEES:

Isaac Rutel  
Bruce Vigon  
Teresa Mohler  
Bob Davis

Call to order – Isaac 6:05pm

PREVIOUS MINUTES: approved as submitted (3 ayes, 0 nays).

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Alternative Energy Forum** – Add to panelists: Bruce Johnson from the Homestead School. PR campaign follow up -- Isaac to coordinate with Lindsey on advertising.
2. **Insurance** – Isaac will proceed to get this coordinated and in place through OSN.
3. **Community Garden/Orchard** – The Midwest City folks may end up making this complicated with the need/desire to establish an operating budget and hire a coordinator according to Vaughn Sullivan, who Bob spoke with. SEOC really wanted to simply provide volunteer resources for this.

There is an identified site on the south side of SE 15<sup>th</sup> near Ocala Blvd. Oklahoma County owns the property and it is currently not in use. It contains facilities for water supply; not sure about electricity. The idea is to establish plots per family. It will be the individual's responsibility to manage under group guidelines. The SEOC local food committee will recommend/establish guidelines. The intent would be to get the arrangements ready to start things in the Spring of '09.

4. **MWC Farmer's Market** – SEOC will need to work further with the MWC folks. They want to have a permanent pavilion arrangement similar to what Edmond has. This will require planning, funding, design, and construction (besides figuring out how/by whom it will be run!) and might be a longer term project. Need to follow up with the OSU-OKC horticulture department contact Justin Whitmore for support.

Bob still wants to proceed with the start up of one in the spring at Rose State. Have a couple of candidate locations on campus and possible mid-week days identified. Need to get with administration and relevant departments to work specifics.

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.

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.

5. **Aerospace Materials Recycling** – According to John Loudermilk this looks to be not feasible due to restrictions on non-aerospace recycling of these materials and additionally the expense/difficulty of working with them.

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6. **State Volunteer Organizations** – Need to further investigate the state requirements/relief associated with volunteer organizations – still working this.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The account is set up, although the on-line banking procedure is not working. The balance is about \$250. Bruce's excess contribution will be refunded because if it is a charitable contribution, we have to process it through OSN. Isaac will check with BOK regarding the problems with the web access.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Harvest Seasonal Pot Luck** – discussed possible locations including one of the pavilions at Choctaw Creek Park. Also discussed the possibility of working with the Buy Fresh, Buy Local folks to work with us on food preparation.
2. **SEOC Local Foods Committee** – will have a meeting to discuss the community garden and farmers market on 8/16.
3. **Book discussion** – move to October.

## ACTION ITEMS/POCs/DUE DATES:

1. Coordinate with Lindsey on advertising for Alt. Energy Forum/Rutel/8-8.
2. Arrange insurance with OSN/Rutel/8-30.
3. Perform additional research on community garden project/Bob/8-16.
4. Visit farmers markets to get understanding of start up requirements and ops know how/Bob/8-17.

NEXT MEETING: 8/18/2008, 5:30 pm, Pelican's