

TCLocal Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2009

Present: Jon Bosak, Seph Doliner, John Graves, Chris Peters, Bethany Schroeder, Tom Shelley, Angelika St. Laurent; Simon St. Laurent

Guest: Greg Mol – Miller (Local Flour Producer)

1) Chair's update: Simon remains in over his head with work and travel. Jon will help him where possible. Simon urges patience with the chair (sure, as long as we don't have to take over . . .)

2) Website

- Food Processing article posted, announced: received comments from Alison Jack and Greg Mol. Greg is investing in a mill, using the grain from Cayuga Pure Organics (CPO) at the old Regional Access site (with approved commercial kitchen). Wheat flour will be available at GreenStar and other local stores and bakeries this spring; other types of flour will be available eventually. CPO grew 35 acres of wheat, which amounts to 11,000 pounds of product per month until the next harvest. Greg would like recipes and nutritional facts to help market ideas, as well as help in trying out products in test kitchen settings. Members discussed the potential effect of having local wheat available; the amount CPO has would feed about 330 people over the course of a year (200 pounds per person per year). We agreed to help Greg by organizing a special article focused on the availability of local flour. Bethany will collate recipes, and we'll all help where we can to produce a piece for the blog spot. We'll submit the work to Greg for approval prior to publication. Greg will consider the possibility of becoming a TCLocal contributor in the future. Noted that comment appeared on our site about CPO and the beanery also.
- Simon has been able to pass repository back to Jon.
- Upcoming article – Foodsheds – Chris Peters. Will try to work on a Part 2 that addresses what we should grow locally, depending on his job search. Chris points out that USDA has a good site with searchable data, and he'll give us a link for the article. USDA also has a query tool that allows users to query data bases. Chris will include useful resources in the article. A future article (Part 3) would describe foodsheds in surrounding counties.

3) Local municipal issues

- TCAT: Advisory board is quiet. All busses are in service and nothing is available if a bus breaks down.
- Planning: TGIES study in progress to get CU staff into public transportation. Jon has tried to point out that it may be necessary to increase transit without widening streets. Jon's concerns went to the head of CU transit; the two met and had a fruitful discussion. Offered to have Jon do a presentation for ICTCTC.
- Caramoor discussion ensued, including concepts related to nodal, eco-cities, and eco-village development. John brought up the differing positions that occur between city and town planning departments. Discussion about a group of students that had developed a plan, which was unfortunately ignored.
- Holly Harlan: Founder of Entrepreneurs for Sustainability (Cleveland) and an economic-development professional, will be the Hub's featured speaker at an opening

event for the local Sustainable Enterprise Network on March 9, 7-9 pm. We discussed whether a TCLocal representative was available to attend; none of the members was free to do so.

- Tom Shelley: developing a presentation on composting, and has offered to do these presentations for local groups.
- Tom is working on his chicken farm and will soon have chicken houses built.
- Bethany: Presented issues around care and space at the Free Clinic to the Common Council last week.

4) Outreach / Interactions with other organizations

- Nothing new

5) Organizational Issues

- New contributor: Krys Cail: now member; all approved

6) Next meeting: April 4, 5-7, Tom's

7) Set future agenda items: none yet

Additional AIs:

- Bethany: Doug Lockwood's contact information to Greg. (DONE)
- John: send Eileen's information to Greg.
- Jon or Simon: put Greg on mail list

Rough blog publishing plan:

March: Local foodsheds (Chris Peters)

April: Local wood heat (Tony Nekut)

May: Local biofuel production (Tycho Dan)

June: Household preparation, part 2 (Kate)

July: Health Care Resources, Part 2 (Bethany Schroeder)

August: Food Production Systems (Karl North)