

**Minutes**  
**Local Food Policy Council Meeting**  
**March 27, 2007**

Attending: Rick Rose, Holly Cain, Nan Poage-Prater, Mike Roegge, Diana Lauzon, Carolyn Chaney, Greg Billingsley, John Habben, Debbie Husar, Karol Ehmen, Dave Moore, Carrie Edgar, Cathy Batchelor, Scott Worl, Cindy Semonis

Brenda welcomed those attending and brief introductions were made.

Brenda passed out the table reflecting the brainstorming session from the February meeting. Much discussion was held about the issues identified. Dave Moore suggested adding food security/safety to the food access category.

The group began the process of trying to identify and prioritize themes from the issues presented from last month. Many thoughts were brought forth, they included:

Looking more closely at the **Farmers Markets**, including chefs use of the market, marketing/promotion of the market, producers utilizing the market, food safety, and coordination and promotion of all local Farmers Markets in the area

**Marketing and Food Distribution** – marketing, connecting farmers and consumers, agritourism. Need to map our infrastructure of food growers. Consider a food co-op.

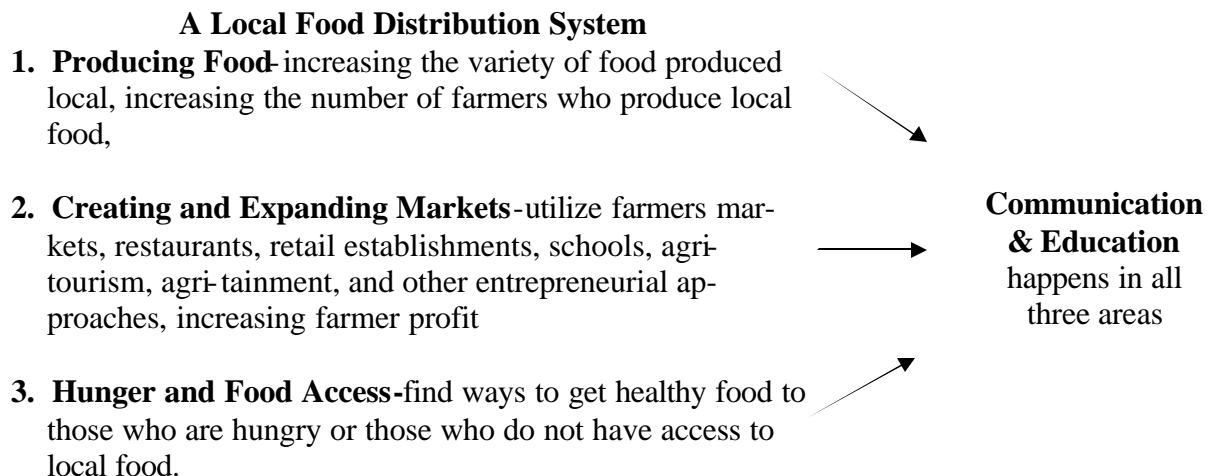
**Hunger** – many families just don't have access to food or services. Connecting farmers to pantries and other food outlets when they have extra food they cannot sell. Find ways to increase community gardens to supply food pantries.

**Education** is always important at all levels. If we provide education, the marketing will follow. Also need to promote the "green" aspect of buying local. Education needs to be provided to youth.

Questions were raised about "Who we are?", and "How will we know how we are doing?".

The idea of a community food assessment was discussed. Greg is very willing to help with this, and Dave felt like we could learn a lot from such an assessment. Funds would be needed to cover the costs of such an assessment. Carrie, Greg and Brenda will follow-up on this issue.

After some discussion the group came full circle and began to frame the themes in a different way. The schematic below frames the themes in the following way:



Discussion on the structure of the Local Food Policy Council was tabled until the next meeting.

Brenda shared info and sign-up sheet about the Locally Grown FoodFest. Rick suggested we might rally around the LG FoodFest the next meeting.

Next Steps:

- Carrie, Greg and Brenda will meet to discuss the development of a community food assessment
- Anyone with ideas for additional members should send names and contact information to Brenda
- Carrie and Brenda will also look into setting up a Local Food Policy Council website – blog.
- Brenda will look into providing a teleconferencing option for the next meeting

Meeting adjourned.