

FOOD, AGR, & FARM TO SCHOOL MEETING, 12 February 2008, 3:30-5:00 PM, Durango Rec Center

ATTENDING: Krista Garand, Darrin Parmenter, Katy Pepinsky, Julie Hudak, Linda Herz, Cindy Dvergsten, Jason Cole, Kay James, Jennifer Wheeling, Marje Cristol, Jeanine Justice, Renae Muller, Linda Illsley, Jim Dyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jim brought copies of the Durango Herald article on Children's House and their meal program featuring quality food from scratch, plenty of time for eating, and products from their garden when available. The article is at: http://www.durangoherald.com/asp-bin/printable_article_generation.asp?article_path=/food/food080206_1.htm

Jim also brought a link to the Environmental Working Group's "Dirty Dozen, Cleanest 12" guide to pesticides on various food items: <http://www.foodnews.org/walletguide.php>

Check out the Oakhaven site for an upcoming Permaculture course: <http://oakhavenpc.org/>

9R REPORT: Krista reported that she has Blue Horizons cracked wheat, Sunnyside and Cole Ranch meats, Turtle Lake granola, and local tortillas for Natl School Breakfast Week on 3-7 March. Krista will contact Karla Sluis about a possible article.

NET BENEFIT LAND USE PROGRAM: Cindy Dvergsten described the land use/farm preservation work she is doing under contract to La Plata County. There is a goal of incentive-based farm and farmland preservation tools for use by the County and its residents. This is an ongoing project and details on how to get involved can be found at www.landusenetbenefit.net

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES COALITION (HLC) FOOD COMMITTEE WORK: HLC members described current work including:

- We most likely have found a gardener to do the Smiley Garden this summer.
- Planning is proceeding on a mid-week Farmers Market, possibly at the Smiley Bldg
- We have a draft of the "Mesa Verde Guide to Local Food Initiatives" on the SASCO site at: www.sustainableswcolorado.org/mvinitiatives.htm

ANIMAS VALLEY GARDEN PROGRAM: Renae Muller, the Partners in Education Coordinator at Animas Valley joined us to give an overview of their plans to establish a school garden. They have land, water, parents lined up to help in the summer, and support for integrating the garden into the science curriculum. Their Coordinated School Health grant has helped with some supplies, but more are needed. Renae has a list of needed materials, and can be reached at: rmuller@durango.k12.co.us Julie offered to help with model garden curricula from across the country and Jennifer offered advice from her 12 years of growing nearby.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for 12 March from 3:30-5, and we are checking to see if it can be held at Escalante. We are trying to settle on the second Wednesday of the month for our meetings, but this still may be changed due to conflicts.

Remember — all FTS minutes and other FTS and local food info is at www.sustainableSWcolorado.org

We are also appending below the **Resources List** from the bottom of our meeting agenda. This list is updated on each new agenda with new resources as they become available.

Thanks to you all

Jim Dyer

Resources (newest items in bold)

- **Children’s House article, 6 Feb 2008:** http://www.durangoherald.com/asp-bin/printable_article_generation.asp?article_path=/food/food080206_1.htm
- **EWG “Pesticides in Produce” guide:** <http://www.foodnews.org/walletguide.php>
- **Mesa Verde Guide to Local Food Initiatives:** www.sustainableswcolorado.org/mvinitiatives.htm
- 10/11/07 Telegraph article: <http://durangotelegraph.com/telegraph.php?inc=/07-10-11/coverstory.htm>
- Procurement Information Package on CFSC at <http://www.foodsecurity.org/procurement.html>
- Sustainability Alliance — SASCO: www.sustainableSWcolorado.org
- 9R School Wellness Teams contact person: Linda Herz lherz@durango.k12.co.us
- National Farm to School Program: www.farmtoschool.org
- Center for Ecoliteracy: www.ecoliteracy.org
- National Farm to College website: www.farmtocollege.org
- 7/7/05 Article: <http://www.durangotelegraph.com/telegraph.php?inc=/05-07-07/coverstory.htm>
- Colorado Policy Working Group: <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/boulder/AG/FAP.shtml>
- Community Food Security Coalition: www.foodsecurity.org
- SWMN — Southwest Marketing Network: www.swmarketingnetwork.org
- ATTRA — Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas: www.attra.ncat.org
- Mesa Verde Guide to Local Food & Fiber: www.sustainableSWcolorado.org