



Newtown CHAT Meeting Summary
March 26, 2013
North Sarasota Library
6pm

Present: Beverly Phelps, Elva Hernandez, Kari Ellingstad, Katie Leonard.

Updates/Around the Table

Beverly Phelps provided information on the following events:

Newtown Community Coalition 10th Annual Health and Education Expo

North Port Annual Baby Shower April 13, 2013 from 10am-12pm**

Sarasota County Baby Shower May 11, 2013**

**further information can be found on the Healthy Start website

Elva Hernandez discussed different initiatives from the Sarasota Housing Authority including a mentoring program with We Are for Kids. Mentoring and tutoring takes place Monday through Thursday from 4-5:30pm.

North Sarasota Food Summit

The group discussed the upcoming North Sarasota Food Summit scheduled for *May 21st from 6-8pm at the Robert L. Taylor Community Complex*. The group went over a tentative schedule and decided that the event will include:

- Time for networking with community partners
- Showing a 10-minute TED Talk - "[Ron Finley: A guerilla gardener in South Central LA](#)"
- Highlight the possibilities for a healthy, food system network in North Sarasota
- Round-table discussions

The web link for the TED Talk is

http://www.ted.com/talks/ron_finley_a_guerilla_gardener_in_south_central_la.html

(please note, the video contains minor language at the end; however, the group felt the video adequately represents food system planning in that it discusses public health, land use/zoning, and urban agriculture).

The group will invite community members, stakeholders, elected officials, as well as County and City staff to the event.

There will be two *Food Summit Planning meetings* on *April 11th* and *April 25th* from 4-5pm at the *North Sarasota Public Library* in the Conference Room.

Next Newtown CHAT Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

6-7pm

North Sarasota Public Library

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