



Newtown CHAT Meeting Summary
June 25, 2013

Robert L. Taylor Community Complex
6pm

Present: Jeanette Robinson, Beverly Phelps, Katie Leonard, Joyce Raby, Marsha Weiner, Nina Powers, Kevin Anderson, Shelia Baynes, Pascale Edouard, Maceo McAdams, Susan Moren, Alton Everett

Group Discussion – North Sarasota Food Summit Follow-up

The group discussed the North Sarasota Food Summit

Community Identified Assets

Top 5 assets:

- Community gardens
- Farmers Market
- Local produce vendors
- Food pantries
- Local food retailers

Community Identified Barriers

Top 5 barriers

- Transportation
- Healthy food is not affordable
- EBT (food stamps) not accepted at farmers markets
- Fast food marketing crowds out healthy food options
- Food pantries don't provide fresh food

Community Proposed Solutions

Top 5 solutions

- Robert L. Taylor Community Complex (RLTCC) food drop-off and classes
- Utilize wasted food
- Use city lots for gardens
- Container gardening
- Community garden tool-kit

The group further discussed assets, barriers and solutions and identified the RLTCC as a key community asset/gathering place to move forward. The group would like to see RLTCC as a hub for information and programs as they pertain to accessing healthy food in the North Sarasota Community.

In reference to wasted food, it was brought up that a lot of food that is 'wasted' is not healthy (i.e. muffins, doughnuts, etc.). Gleaning programs can be implemented to address wasted, fresh, produce.

To address transportation issues, the group would like to provide data and justification to help further prioritize North Sarasota transit routes with SCAT.

Pascale Edouard, a Health Educator with Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County shared her experience working in Tallahassee in the Frenchtown community. Pascale worked

alongside community members and youth and helped implement the I-Grow program in a community garden.

Current efforts

Many efforts are underway to increase access to healthy food in the community.

Maceo McAdams is discussing the option of a farmers market at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park. He is having another meeting with the City of Sarasota and will update the group at the next meeting. Additionally, Maceo is working with the Sarasota Housing Authority. Maceo is using the Asinamali Food Basket program to expand access on Housing Authority properties.

There is currently a food donation program taking place at the Glasser Schoenbaum. This is an effort of All Faiths Food Bank and other community partners. They are providing individuals with food two days a month, which includes fresh produce.

Yummy Stuff is operating a Children's Healthy Party in 7 schools, including Booker Middle School and Gocio Elementary. The group also offers health education on healthy eating behaviors.

Next Newtown CHAT meeting:

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

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