

# Minutes

## Sarasota Agriculture Policy Council

### January 13, 2009

A meeting of the Sarasota County Agriculture Policy Council (SAPC) was held on January 13, 2009 at the Sarasota County Extension Office, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

#### **In attendance**

Mike Barker, Gale Barton, Debbie Blanco, Tim Brown, Jennifer Brunty, Julia Burch, Jack Creighton, Michael Dick, Bruce Fehr, Hugh Henkel, Maynard Hiss, Juan Huerta, Jodi John, Chuck Johnston, John Lambi, Preston Larus, B.T. Longino, Rory Martin, John Matthews, Jono Miller, Laura Morton, Andy Neuhofer, P.B. Peysner, Karen Potts, Nina Powers, Gayle Reynolds, Betsy Roberts, Marius Stolz, Steve Suau, Nan Summers, Jennifer Tucker, Todd Underhill, Derrick Wyle.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

#### **Introduction of Members and Attendees**

Attendees introduced themselves by describing their role and interests in the local food system of Sarasota County.

#### **Old Business**

*Review of adopted 2006 agricultural policies of the Comprehensive Plan of Sarasota County and their implementation status* (Robert Kluson, Sarasota County Extension)

Robert conducted a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Sustainable Agriculture: An Introduction to its Concepts, Opportunities, and the USDA SARE Program". The presentation covered the following points:

- Vision statement of SAPC for enactment & implementation of policies based on
  - ✓ sustainable agriculture
  - ✓ local food systems
  - ✓ farmland protection
- Chapter location and text of 2006 agriculture policies in Comprehensive Plan of Sarasota County
- Science-based resources on sustainable agriculture, including the USDA/SARE program
- Short history of USDA programs in sustainable agriculture
- Relationship between sustainable, organic and conventional agriculture
- Definition, concepts and models of sustainable agriculture
- Community approaches to support sustainable agriculture including policy, community food systems, and public/private initiatives

Robert also stated that the PowerPoint, along with other background materials, would be available on the SAPC webpage at <http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu/AG/agpolicy.shtml>

#### **New Business**

*Discussion of 2006 agriculture policy-needs of community projects in sustainable food system development in Sarasota County*

A short review was done of the format of the list of proposed collaborative projects from the November 18, 2009 meeting. The format summarized each proposal and also identified the specific agriculture policy that it would implement. Additional proposals were then suggested and discussed by the attendees and recorded (see attachment for cumulative list of proposed projects).

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2009 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The requested location was the Sarasota County Extension Office, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota, FL. Robert stated that he would confirm the availability of this location in the email announcements for the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.