Southwest Florida Food Network Conference Call

Friday, March 07, 2014

10 - 11:10 a.m.

Attendees:

Bryan Dailey - UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County; Aubrey Phillips - UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County; Nan Summers - USF Sarasota-Manatee; Mike Sosadeeter - Imagine...a better world, Inc.; Ro Mohammed - Community Healthy Improvement Partnership; Pascale Edouard - Community Health Improvement Partnership; Megan Jourdan - Manatee County Department of Health; Don Hall - Transition Sarasota; Zach Glorioso - UF/IFAS Extension Farm to School Program; Laurel Corrao - SCOPE

Introduction, Bryan Dailey

UF/IFAS Extension update and Sarasota Grown local food label, Aubrey Phillips

Round-table introductions and updates

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Imagine...a better world, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) international non-profit organization headquartered in Sarasota, Florida. Our mission is to "transform poverty, create opportunities, and build sustainable community." We currently have projects in Haiti and Sarasota. We strive to help families and neighborhoods of limited resources create comprehensive solutions to life's challenges; implementing social, economic and agriculture/natural resource opportunities that lead to healthier and more resilient communities.

In Sarasota, Imagine...a better world is focused on creating a vibrant urban farming system by which people of limited resources can better feed themselves and improve their economic situation. We envision a series of micro-farms in backyards, empty lots, church and non-profit organization sites, and unused public lands producing food, providing meaningful work, and feeding those in need.

Imagine...a better world is currently working on model urban farm concepts (including the business components), seeking land upon which to create urban farms, and identifying viable consumer groups for the farm produce. We also envision and want to help build a vibrant Cottage Industry in which people and neighborhoods are producing products from locally grown urban farm crops.
You can learn more about Imagine...a better world, Inc. at www.imagineABW.org or email us at imagine.abw@gmail.com. Our website is a work in progress. We are in need of web design assistance if anyone has a contact.

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Sarasota Openly Plans for Excellence (SCOPE) continuously seeks to improve Sarasota County’s food network. We have been working with New College of Florida’s thesis student Juliana Dearr on thesis project about food availability in the Newtown area. For more information, please view her first blog post about that work here. Additionally, in partnership with Sarasota County Government, UF/IFAS Extention Sarasota County and Green Map, SCOPE has developed the Open Green Map for Sarasota County. This tool is an interactive map that provides a fun, easy way to find locally available green activities, organizations and facilities including eco-businesses and commerce, energy and green buildings, natural attractions, community agriculture, recycling and waste disposal, alternative transportation, neighborhood assets, and more! SCOPE is eager to help other organizations improve our local Southwest Florida Food Network.

Chat Log

Aubrey Phillips (to All - Entire Audience): Here is the link to the page that Nan just mentioned: http://sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu/AG/agpolicy.shtml. The video for the Sarasota County Ag Policy Council is mid-way down the page.

Aubrey Phillips (to All - Entire Audience): Here’s the Food Powers Community link: http://foodpowerscommunity.com/. Great work Nan!

Aubrey Phillips (to All - Entire Audience): For more information on the Sarasota Grown local food label including the terms and conditions and the online enrollment form visit http://sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu/AG/sarasotagrown.shtml. There’s also a link
on our homepage.

**Aubrey Phillips (to All - Entire Audience):** Here is the information on the Echo Farm Day that Mike mentioned: http://echonet.org/farm-day/

**Bryan Dailey (to All - Entire Audience):** http://www.imagineabw.org

**Aubrey Phillips (to All - Entire Audience):** Imagine...A Better World, Inc website is http://www.imagineabw.org/

**Bryan Dailey (to All - Entire Audience):** http://www.transitionsrq.org

**Bryan Dailey (to All - Entire Audience):** Eat Local Guide: http://eatlocalguide.com/sarasota/

**Don Hall (to All - Entire Audience):** http://www.transitionsrq.org/gleaning

**Don Hall (to All - Entire Audience):** http://www.transitionsrq.org/guide (coming soon)


**Don Hall (to All - Entire Audience):** http://www.transitionsrq.org/slow-money

**Don Hall (to All - Entire Audience):** http://www.transitionsrq.org/lexicon

**Aubrey Phillips (to All - Entire Audience):** www.scgov.net/greenmap

**Don Hall (to All - Entire Audience):** Next Slow Money meeting: http://www.transitionsrq.org/events/business-microloans-that-leverage-credit-union-and-community-partner-capacity/30/4/2014

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