

Community Choices Community Forum



Forum Evaluation Tally

Community Forum:	Food System Summit:
Date	January 31 st 2008
Location:	The Red Lion at the Quay – Vancouver, Washington

Objectives: Launch healthy livable community forum to serve as a vehicle for educating and connecting the community.

Total Attendees:	102
Attendee Make-up	
• Employers public	25%
• Employers private	31%
• Elected Officials	2%
• School Representatives	11%
• Health Care	8%
• Media	3%
• Community	12%
• Students	8%

Media present: CVTV, The Columbian and KBOO radio

CVTV broadcasting dates:

- Wed, 2/6 at 1:00 am on CVTV-23
- Sat, 2/9 at 1:00 am on CVTV-23
- Sat, 2/9 at 3:15 pm on CVTV-21
- Sun, 2/10 at 2:00 am on CVTV-21
- Tue, 2/12 at 2:00 am on CVTV-23
- Tue, 2/12 at 10:00 pm on CVTV-21
- Sat, 2/16 at 11:30 pm on CVTV-23



Written evaluations received:

Overall Forum Evaluation	<u>Score (1-5)</u> (1=poor, 5= excellent)	<u>Range of Scores</u>	<u># of Eval.</u>
Objectives met	4.65	3-5	46
Expectations met	4.78	4-5	46
Usefulness of information	4.64	1-5	45
Evaluation of Ken Meter—Keynote Speaker			
Speaker content knowledge	4.98	4-5	44
Overall presentation	4.73	4-5	44
Usefulness of information	4.80	3-5	44
Evaluation of Panel Discussion			
Speaker(s) content knowledge	4.67	4-5	46
Usefulness of discussion	4.59	3-5	46
Evaluation of Breakout Discussion			
Usefulness of discussion	4.59	3-5	46
Overall breakout discussion	4.54	3-5	46

What did you find most useful about this community forum?

Top Themes:

Networking and Community Dialogue, becoming more in tune with the issues and the crucial data keynote shared.

What would you like to see happen next?

Top Themes:

Continued discussion with broader audience, follow-up or report back from FSC, begin next steps to take action

Other Comments?

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The PA system was distracting and hard to hear, great job and looking forward to next steps

Building a Healthy Community sub-topics (in rank order by percent)

Farming	36
Natural Environments	36
Schools	30
Transportation	26
Diversity	17
Parks	15
Pedestrian Systems	15
Housing	13
Job Variation	9
Commercial Development	6
Industrial Space	0



Appendix A: Written Comments from Forum Participants (1-31-08)

What did you find most useful about this community forum?

- The breadth & scope of participants knowledge, connections & local county dept heads, county administrator & county commission all together, hearing the same info! Fantastic!
- Connections with other who share same concerns. Knowing there are people who care.
- Energy & synergy Re: one of the most strategic topics relative to our community's health & safety
- Networking – Exposure to County Representatives
- Learning about community resources
- The public discussion
- Community discussion
- The keynote (Ken) speaker's fact gathering & re[port was sobering.
- Hearing different perspectives
- Networking/ cross sector dialogue – Great turnout
- Perspective of the importance of CSA to our future quality of life and the "health" of our community
- Breakout session that followed informational speakers
- Discussion of the content experts – I'm not the expert on this stuff so I rely on others to get educated
- Keynote Speaker
- All the information & perspectives shared
- Hearing the different opinions & ideas from the various community sectors
- Reporting out, networking opportunities
- Hearing from agricultural community
- Opportunity to interact with various people of different backgrounds with the same interests
- Some issues not aware of – H2O Ecology rights, Ag Resources no longer coming to Clark County, Lack of H.S. Ag Program Teachers
- Ken's overview of our local position/national position. Land/water issues impacting our ability to achieve a 30 year plan to provide local foods.
- Planting the seed(s) for the changes about to occur in Clark County
- Getting grounded in the variety of issues related to the food system
- Economic info
- Networking, increasing my own awareness
- Collaborating
- Dialogue; new ideas
- Ken's datasets
- The overall state of agriculture in Clark Co; the issues and some innovative, grassroots, solutions. The breakout groups offered HOPE.
- Loved seeing County Commissioners attend
- Gaining information
- Becoming more in-tune & developing a better understanding of the local food system
- Information and data provided by Ken Meter was a great help for me to get a picture of our farming industrial status

- The high degree of interest in our food source and all of the diversity of persons & organizations working together!
- Raised awareness of complexity of issue. Info on how farms work
- Inspiration - Ken's statistics
- Conversations across interest groups
- Keynote speaker – networking opportunities
- Ken's info defined (& astonished!) the severity of the problem from an economic status point – which dives almost everything. Networking was very valuable
- It brought lots of different food people together
- I have a greater understanding of the issues and plan to make some changes to my personal choices

What would you like to see happen next?

- Summarize & send recommendations to media, city/county/state policy makers & pertinent agencies.
- Concrete Program – vigorous lobbying of local gov't (county) to keep farmland
- Plans based on the common themes, with defined implementation
- Follow up forums with more information
- Continued discussion of this topic
- A report back to the community re: today's discussions
- A typed summary of key points & ideas
- Take notes and empower the food system council
- White paper on the essential results from this forum to insert an implementation plan to expand CSA here.
- More partnerships between organizations, gov't etc.
- Take the answers to the questions & designing some next steps & action items
- Small groups get together & work on strategies/ next step
- Build on this event: Develop corporate & individual action plans
- Policy maker bus tour/ Private sector/ Public Sector/Non profit Decision making tour, BIZI, CSA's, CASEE, School Garden's Etc. – use trip as networking opp – focus on outcomes/decision they can make
- More discussion – outreach teaching to the “parent” group. Show ways that these busy people can “do it” and provide local, nutritious affordable food to their families “culture change” is doable
- Community forums/town hall meetings
- Support the food system group
- More opportunities for community discussion
- More dialogue and action
- Neighborhood level changes to promote food access
- A forum/discussion with wider audience – more farmers, low-income people, grocers
- The collated info should be put up on a web site by Community Choices
- Move talk into actual action
- Broader education
- F/U meeting once Council evaluates info and ideas & next steps
- Follow up discussion to bring the higher level down to reasonably sized working groups w/ cross representation for interpretation and problem solving. Would be interested in community education that further explores & informs the general public re: farming & agriculture & forces they must deal with
- Farmers talking to the community at Granges; People learning seasonal food choices

- More community conversations around this topic – not necessarily a large forum but a series of conversations that educate and move this effort forward
- Digestion of information; polling of various socio-economic demographics; focused path for public to follow
- The 78th St Station materialized in to a comprehensive food-focused state of the art space; That the Co & City policy makers take actions that support & implement key strategies started today.
- Continued Discussions
- Need to engage the retail end of the system, because they are a big part of the solution.

Other Comments?

- Would have been nice to have fact sheets with Ken's info – “Fast Facts” we all could take & use
- Inclusion of impacts on Clark County's vulnerable population (those with disabilities, seniors, etc) as part of discussion
- Red Lion is a good place to hold event – parking is a plus
- Wonderful! I learned a great deal.
- As always, would like to see those people here that need to be but aren't
- Should have stopped working for lunch - source local food for lunch – we'll pay for it
- The PA system needs help – very hard to understand speakers
- Nice Job
- Timely, Need 2-3 farmland/farmer/measurements like # of available farmland acres wish list to include county 09-10 budget – consider topic on sustainability (I realize it encompasses all of the above) could be a good opportunity for Community Choices to connect all of the dots in Clark County
- We can do it – 30 year plan – start now, teach, listen , learn
- Let's keep the forward momentum going!
- Facilities – sound system made it very difficult to hear presenters
- Keep up the great job!
- Today's even was very well organized
- Fix the microphone! The echo was distracting. Kudos on the lunch ☺
- We need to find another meeting location. This site was not good as the PA system was poor.
- Very good + networking!
- Sound system needed help. Excellent!
- This was wonderful!
- Great info; looking forward to seeing the next steps. Hope this system can make a difference
- Great job CC2010!!

