

**E.A.T. Local**  
*Everyone at the Table*  
**March 14, 2007**  
**Albemarle County Building**

Lisa Reeder led the meeting.

**I. Committee Reports:**

**•Directory**

- Buy Fresh, Buy Local Guide will be finished by the end of April. Around 70 resources are included in the directory. A website is in production as well.
- Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) has a grant to defray mailing costs. The guide will be mailed to everyone in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Looking for ideas in other counties for distribution sites.
- Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> E.A.T. Local has a table at Fridays After Five to hand out the guide. Looking for ideas to help promote the guide (ex: EAT Local buttons or stickers)

**•Food Center**

- Needs people who are interested in writing grants and/or soliciting money for the project.
- Possible collaboration with Market Central Group, a non-profit mostly consisting of vendors and farmers who desire a year-round market. The Food Center group will meet with the Market Central Group for a brainstorm session on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The next Food Center Meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am at C-Ville Coffee

**•Urban CSA**

- Project is making progress for the Friendship Court sight and working on acquiring land for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Public Housing.
- Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> is a scheduled planting day
- Darden Business School students are helping to strategize a plan
- Position of sight manager/farmer has been posted to the listserve

**•Virginia Food Security Summit**

- VA Tech and University of Virginia will be co-sponsoring the Food Security Summit scheduled for Friday May 11, 2007. The goal of this event is to bring all players together for a big picture of the Virginia food system.
- Not sure of the cost yet, possibly sliding scale. Politicians, representatives, policy makers and public are all invited. Farmers will be invited, possible discounts. Idea for local restaurants to sponsor a farmer to attend the event.

**II. New Business**

Kathryn Russell attended the Food Policy Council Workshop in Nashville. The event was sponsored by the Food Security Coalition, a resource to help local groups form a food policy council. E.A.T. Local may want to explore their resources. Anne is checking into our local contact here.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 26 from 6 to 8 in room 235 at the Albemarle County Office Building at the intersection of McIntire Rd and Preston Ave