



Food Security Forum 1 September 2015

Date: 1st September 2015

Venue: MIDI Offices

Attendance: As per attached register

1. Welcome and introductions

- First forum after a year. The forums have been reinvented with a specific focus, water conservation practices in urban agriculture is the theme. There were many community members present as well as NGO's, community farmers and students (food security interns). 3 organisations had stands with displays namely; PCH, YFC, and HS Ebrahim School.



2. MIDI Model Garden and Lunch

- Lunch was served and thereafter MIDI introduced the Food Security Project.
- The MIDI Model Garden was also showcased with Leopold, permaculture technician of the MIDI garden, taking the lead. Community members raised questions about the various principles around permaculture. Leopold also demonstrated how to grow potatoes in buckets thereby reinforcing the idea of been able to plant anywhere



3. Community Engagement

- Mr Dlamini has a crèche with a garden that supplies his kitchen with fresh produce. He uses his own funds to maintain the garden. His request is for seedlings, as this is currently his biggest challenge. Chickens are also eating his plants.
- June (Esther House) has a big piece of land and is willing to share with a group of ladies for agriculture. Their organisation's purpose is to develop and train women.
- Agric Groomers. A dynamic group of young leaders who want to create relationships with the community and institutes of higher learning. The community can use the trained graduates and the graduates have the opportunity to learn.
- MCG. Save water through developing small dams. Permaculture requires passion and devotion of time. Permaculture is the history of our forefathers. Seed sharing and harvesting is very important in permaculture.
- Zimu, Communal Farmers Support Group. They liaise with those who are working with institutes of higher education. They also look at recycling to produce fertiliser.
- Wendy Dugmore. Metro Methodist Church does training for ECD centres and would like to include a course on permaculture
- Wizzard Worms. Helps the garden grow well (worm wee). Will be donating a wormery to the MIDI model garden.
- Samantha Rose. Introduced permaculture into their community system. They plant indigenous trees, wind breaks, wild food, drip irrigation, compost all as a means of conserving water. Invite schools and communities to learn and practice from what she does. It would be nice to make a small video to use a teaching tool for permaculture.
- YFC. A shelter for children living on the street. Site 11 in woodlands has a drop in centre and they have initiated a garden to help support the kitchen that supplies children at the crèche. They also have a recycling project were they don't throw anything away for example making necklaces out of cornflake boxes.



4. Lucky Draw

- MIDI was able to harvest enough veggies to make four lucky draw prizes. Community members were excited and loved their fresh goodies.



5. Date of Next Meeting

- 6th November 2015