



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Food Council

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

Joint Meeting of Dane County Food Council and Madison Food Policy Council

A. Call To Order

- Present** 5 - DONALE RICHARDS, SHEENA TESCH, BILL WARNER, MARCIA CATON
CAMPBELL, and SHIRLEY NENNIG
- Excused** 3 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, DANIEL CORNELIUS, and ABHA THAKKAR

Chair Erica Anderson Deitz called to order at 5:35 pm.

Madison Food Policy Council members: Chair Erica Anderson Deitz, Vice Chair Lindsey Day Farnsworth, Jamie Bugel, Jenny Conroy, Alder Yanette Figueroa Cole, Taylor Foster, Alma Horlock, Rebecca Kemble, Sarah Larson, Nicholas Leete, Dustin Lundt, Alder Arvina Martin, Kirsten Moore, Hedi Rudd, Devika Suri, Alder Regina Vidaver

OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, George Reistad, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey, Sean Higgins, Kim Grafenauer, Jamie Randall, Caitlyn Halfon

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) JOINT MINUTES 09.29.2021
[MIN-376](#)

Attachments: [2021 MIN-376](#)

A motion was made by NENNIG, seconded by WARNER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

D. Announcements

City and County council representatives have now held their first meeting with the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Futures – Community of Practice around equity in food systems.

E. Presentations

Regional Development Framework – Sean Higgins, Senior Community Planner, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

[2021
PRES-178](#)

CARPC.FRAMEWORK.PRESENTATION

Attachments: [2021 PRES-178](#)

A short discussion followed the presentation.

F. Reports to Committee

Work Group Reports

- *Food Access, Relief & Economic Support – Jamie Bugel*
Compiling recommendations for SEED and PIE grant applications.

- *Food Plan – Marcia Caton Campbell*
Awaiting word from USDA on the Regional Food System Partnership grant submitted.
County budget amendment passed in Environment, Agriculture, & Natural Resources
Committee for \$50K pandemic food assessment proposal.

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty – Sheena Tesch*
Still working on agricultural lease recommendations for the city.

Staff Reports

- *City of Madison – George Reistad*

Madison Public Market

- *Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant -- still waiting for a decision as it winds its way through their construction, environmental, and legal teams for review but should be hearing something regarding next steps this week or next*
- *Beginning to look into and cursorily prepare apps for various ARPA funding sources to assist with capital and operational project costs – more to come as this becomes solidified*

Healthy Retail Access Program (HRAP) Evaluation Project

- *Continuing to meet as a core team weekly*
- *Data analysis process beginning; continuing to collect surveys*

Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI)

- *MOU passed Common Council last night – allows City to contract with MGI to receive funding for initial admin costs*
 - o *Resolution also authorizes team to execute agreements needed to get the project moving e.g. multi-partner collaboration agreement, etc*
- *City Staff Core Team continues to meet weekly*
 - o *Project is progressing and we are on the cusp of hiring a program manager and local research fellow through UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty.*
- *Task Force Core team also meets weekly*
 - o *Advisory Task Force continues to meet monthly and provide input on research domains, hiring preferences/requirements, and program implementation strategies*

Truman Olson

- *Working to secure a grocer for the space; starting with initial RFP respondents and going from there regarding selection*

- *Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman*
Updates delivered regarding on the prevailing COVID-19 situation for Dane County.

- *Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins*
The Dane County Executive's 2022 budget was released Oct 1. The budget proposal includes continued funding in the Extension budget for FairShare CSA Partner Shares, Healthy Food For All, Pollinator program, Anderson Farm County Park, and carry-forward funding for the Dane County Food Council and the Organic Conversion Pilot Program. It also includes continued funding in the Office of Equity & Inclusion budget for PIE-Food Project grants (\$20K) and increased funding in the Department of Human Services budget for the Double Dollars program (increased from \$25K to \$37.5K, which matches the City of Madison contribution). There will be a public hearing on the budget on Oct 20

(6pm); next, the Personnel & Finance Committee prepares recommendations between Oct 25-Nov 3; and the final county board budget deliberations start Nov 8 (concluding either Nov 8, 10, or 11).

Regular Business Reports

- Community Gardens – Nicholas Leete

Gardens ending the year, closing water systems. Rooted Community Garden Team is looking for land for displaced gardeners from McFarland and Triangle gardens.

- Madison Metropolitan School District – Dustin Lundt

MMSD is continuing to provide meal pickup for students enrolled in virtual learning for the school year. Currently offer a 5-day meal box and milk pickup at the following locations, every Monday from 2:00pm-4:00pm: LaFollette High – loading dock behind school (take the driveway for Sennett Middle School and go through the parking lots behind both schools), Memorial High – Door #6

Some distribution challenges due to product shortages (supply chain issues), but are able to pivot to other products. Expect those challenges to continue for 6 more months.

- Double Dollars Program – Alma Horlock

Market distribution is ending October 31. Willy Street Co-op distribution started this week. 85% growth in participation when compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019. Contact Alma to get emailed the annual report for this year (and can ask for any past year reports).

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn / Recess & Reconvene

A motion was made by WARNER, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval.