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DATE: January 18, 2023  
TO: Personnel & Finance Committee  
FROM: Laura Hicklin, Director, Land & Water Resources  
SUBJECT: Request for Exception to Co. Ord. 20.14(2) - Land & Water Resources Department – Food Purchase for County Workers

A lunch meeting was held for the Ad Hoc Advisory Group for the Dane County Parks and Zoo access and equity evaluation. We wanted to thank the group for the time they dedicated to provide feedback to the Keen Independent Research team. Staff that helped lead and coordinate that process were at this meeting, which included staff from Dane County Parks, the Henry Vilas Zoo and the County Board Office.

In addition to thanking them for their time and valuable feedback, we had a discussion on how the project went and if/how they would like to be involved moving forward. The goal is to continue to engage this group to help direct our diversity, equity and inclusion efforts in a more meaningful way.

When the food was ordered we were expecting more attendees but the day of the meeting there was a snowstorm and several people were not able to make it. Due to the unforeseen challenges with the weather, I request permission to provide food to county workers within Dane County (Co. Ord. 20.14(2)).