



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, August 18, 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** 6 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, BILL WARNER, MARCIA CATON
CAMPBELL, SHIRLEY NENNIG, and ABHA THAKKAR
- Excused** 2 - SHEENA TESCH, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

*Madison Food Policy Council members: Chair Erica Anderson, Vice Chair Lindsey Day
Farnsworth, Chris Brockel, Jamie Bugel, Alder Yanette Figueroa Cole, Jennifer Conroy,
Rebecca Kemble, Nicholas Leete, Dustin Lundt, Alder Arvina Martin, Hedi Rudd, Teal
Evans, Laura Scandurra*

MFPC Chair Anderson call to order at 5:34.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) MINUTES 07.21.2021
[MIN-216](#)

Attachments: [2021 MIN-216](#)

A motion was made by THAKKAR, seconded by RITT, 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

- September meeting will be 9/29.

E. Reports to Committee

Work Groups

Food Access, Relief & Economic Support

FARES met on 8/9 and discussed changing the Charter document. This document now reflects changes to the focus on grant review. Additionally, the workgroup is looking to match evaluation responses from past grant cycles to a master list of HRAP projects. Next meeting 8/23 at 3:00PM.

Food Plan

Group is waiting to hear if USDA or County funding requests will be selected for funding. Discussed which proposal components to prioritize if the two pending requests aren't funded.

Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty

Wayne Thompson from Fitchburg will be coming to RAFS on 8/20 at noon to discuss proposed Ag Park. There will also be discussion on the Land Tenure team about taking on the Leases on City-Owned Lands and Urban Agriculture Zoning provision review.

Staff Reports

City of Madison – George Reistad

Madison Public Market – no meeting this month. Healthy Retail Access Program (HRAP) Evaluation Project – continuing to meet as a core team weekly. Interviews to begin by the end of the month.

Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman

-COVID-19 Delta Variant cases have increased dramatically since July. Currently, Dane County cases are stable from the previous week, with hospitalizations and individuals in the ICU have continued to increase from recent weeks.

-Dane County has re-issued an indoor masking mandate through September 16.

-Pop-up vaccination clinics are winding down at the end of August. Third shot vaccine boosters look like they will be made available for individuals in coming weeks/months (8 months after second doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines). FDA approval expected in September or October. Youth vaccines (under age 12) expected by end of 2021

Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins

No report

Regular Business Reports

Community Gardens

Continuing monthly meetings with garden organizers. Working with various parties on land tenure issue. Marlborough Garden on Madison's South side will be having a 50th anniversary party on 9/11/2021 at 11:30AM.

Madison Metropolitan School District

Summer feeding program concluded on 8/13. Participation increased significantly in 2021 versus previous summers. Preparing for upcoming school semester.

Double Dollars Program

SNAP participation has increased, which has increased the issuance of benefits significantly this year.

City/County Agricultural Land Leases and Ordinances

Reinvigorating the Role of the MFPC and DCFC in Analyzing, Revising, and Recommending Ordinances and Other Legislation - Rebecca Kemble/Nan Fey. Kemble and Fey propose three topics for members to be thinking about concerning how the Councils can move policy work forward and who is best positioned to advance this work. Discussion to occur in September.

- 1. Leases on City-Owned agricultural acres – Background work on this issue began several years ago, consider preparing a policy memo to submit to staff, Mayor and Common Council with recommendations on changes in language and standards.*
- 2. Urban Agriculture zoning provisions – There have been numerous requests for tweaks to the 2012 ordinances; collect community input and consider submitting a policy memo with recommendations to Plan Commission and/or other audiences.*
- 3. Land Use guidance– Exploring what can be done to support agricultural land beyond shift it to development. Issue was raised during the 2018 Comprehensive Plan process, but MFPC was not able to fully integrate its priorities into that process and would seek to go further.*

Initial discussions may occur at the Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty (RAFS) meeting on 8/20, with all council members invited to join.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by RICHARDS, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

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