



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Food Council Food Plan Work Group

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

3:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman
Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room
Moraine; attend virtually via Zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public
testimony.

A. Call To Order

Present 3 - Chair MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, PHIL KAUTH, and REBECCA KEMBLE

*All Others Present: Bill Warner, Nan Fey, Jess Guffey Calkins, Dadit Hidayat, Laura
Scandurra, Elizabeth Ziegler, Dan Cornelius*

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)
[MIN-618](#)

2.13.2023 MINUTES FOOD COUNCIL FOOD PLAN

Attachments: [2022 MIN-618](#)

A motion was made by KEMBLE, seconded by KAUTH, that the Minutes be
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 3-0.

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

D. Discussion Items

1. *Food Rescue Assessment - City of Madison & NRDC approached the Food Plan work group asking if there was interest in doing an assessment similar to ones done in other cities. Rooted is the grantee, serving as fiscal agent for WI Food Systems, Inc., to do the work. Grant documents are signed and funds have been released. Chris Brockel, Healthy Food for All and FEED Kitchens, will partner on the project. A document will be used at convening to identify and show what the issues are. Date of the event to bring people together is TBD. The project will be completed before year end. WI Food Systems, Inc. has picked up the work of the terminal market project. The organization was formed as a nonprofit last year. Board of Directors: Phil Kauth, Marcia Caton Campbell, Rebecca Kemble, Lindsey Day Farnsworth, Michelle Miller, Dan Cornelius, Yimmuj Yang, John Kane, Michael Schoenleber.*

2. *Dane County Pandemic Food System Study - Study from SIFT Consulting is finalized. Report will be presented March 22. There will be a vote to accept the report and will be posted on Dane County Food Council website. Report will not be linked on the agenda, but will be linked following because it needs to be officially adopted.*

3. *USDA grant opportunities; statewide communication & partnerships - WI Food Systems, Inc, talked about resurrecting the WI Food Network, and decided it was too complicated of an organization.*

4. *2023 USDA Regional Food System Partnership (RFSP) grant -Proposal is due May 2nd, decision by September for funding after October 1. Phil will check with Abha Thakkar to see whether her consulting firm still wants to play a role in the project. We will want to incorporate information from the SIFT pandemic study into the background narrative. We could look at a rural economic development study as part of the RFSP grant (a former ED of Winrock). Need to bring the work into the community and engage organizations to help co-create the food plan. Senator Baldwin said she would offer a letter of support for the project. Should find out if Rep Pocan would do so as well.*

5. *WI Food Systems, Inc., federal appropriations request - has made a \$5 million request through Senator Baldwin and Rep. Pocan's offices for funding under the HUD-EDI account, to repurpose an existing building as ambient, cold and frozen storage, food processing, and food distribution hub for small local producers, gleaning organizations, and institutional buyers, with REAP, FEED Kitchens, and WI Food Systems, Inc. co-located there. The need in this region for this facility has been discussed for over a decade. The City of Madison invested over \$100,000 in a study of the need and potential for such a facility, which could create access to larger markets for producers.*

The NRDC Food Rescue study will also support the need for this facility, since it will document the need for food rescue organizations to be able to use a facility of this type.

E. Announcements

REAP's Anna Landmark will upload the vegetable processing study that REAP did, after updating economic data and other information. REAP will post it on their website and distribute an announcement when the study is available.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Wednesday, April 19, 3-4pm, hybrid meeting

We will keep the same standing agenda items for the next meeting.

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by KEMBLE, seconded by KAUTH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins; Pending council review