



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, September 21, 2022

5:00 PM

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

A. Call To Order

Full introductions postponed until technical difficulties are addressed such that other members can join. During full introductions, Josie Capps was introduced as a Youth Governance Program high school student representative on the Food Council.

Present 10 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Vice Chair SHEENA TESCH, BILL WARNER, MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, DANIEL CORNELIUS, SHIRLEY NENNIG, ABHA THAKKAR, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, Supervisor ERICA JANISCH, and JOSIE CAPPS

OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins

CORNELIUS and JANISCH Join later in meeting

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) 7.20.2022 MINUTES FOOD COUNCIL
[MIN-292](#)

Attachments: [2022 MIN-292](#)

A motion was made by TESCH, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0. YGP vote 1-0

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

D. Reports to Committee*Council Discussion**- 2023 DCFC Budget – Guffey Calkins*

Looked at draft doc for budget amendment proposal requesting funding for the USDA Regional Food Systems Partnership (RFSP) grant. RITT willing to sponsor; Josie may help with the process. Include language that this is contingent upon receiving the USDA grant. EANR budget meetings are 10/13 and 10/25. If needed, can convene a short DCFC meeting in advance of EANR meetings to take an action on the budget amendment proposal.

- Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice – THAKKAR

Members shared ideas with THAKKAR for preparing a Dane County cultural offering presentation.

CORNELIUS and JANISCH joined during this discussion.

ANDRAE left the meeting.

- Meeting Format

Members had a discussion options and preferences around continuing with a zoom-only format, or incorporating hybrid meetings.

RITT left the meeting.

*Work Group Reports**- Food Access, Relief & Economic Support*

No report. CATON CAMPBELL will likely need to step off this group

- Food Plan – CATON CAMPBELL

Drafting budget amendment. Anticipating USDA release of Regional Food Systems Partnership grant in spring. Determine who will be primary applicant.

THAKKAR left the meeting.

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty - TESCH

Farmland Preservation Task Force has been created through City of Madison. Recent discussion of DATCP Safe Wisconsin Produce program. Development plan for Raemisch farm was passed. Look at Dane County land available for farming, even if privately sold – compile and share this info with growers seeking land. USDA funding for Increasing Land Capital and Market Access. Consider drafting a letter to ask for Oct deadline to be extended.

*Staff Reports**- City of Madison – George Reistad*

No report

- Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman

No report

- Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins

Dane County COVID Food Pantry Aid Assistance – due Sept 30

Dane County is funding a one-time grant opportunity with a portion of the county's American Rescue Plan allocation. The purpose of this grant funding is to provide support to food pantries to allow them to expand the purchase of food to meet increased demand. <https://providers.dcdhs.com/Partnering-With-Dane/Dane-County-COVID-Food-Pantry-Aid->

Assistance

FEED Summit Nov 14-15, 2022, virtual. For startup food business entrepreneurs; organized by UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Program. <https://foodsystems.extension.wisc.edu/2022/09/19/2022-feed-summit-be-a-thriving-food-entrepreneur/>

Fall 2022 Green Thumb Gardening Series: Planning/Techniques for the Organic Vegetable Garden – starting Nov 1.

Regular Business Reports

*- Community Gardens – CATON CAMPBELL
Gardens starting to wind down.*

E. Announcements

*CORNELIUS – REAP Food Group Harvest Dinner will be held at Dan's Farm (Yowela Farms) this Saturday, 9/24 (sold out). Check Yowela Farms website for upcoming info about a Family Harvest event in mid-October: <https://yowelafarms.com/>
Anderson Farm County Park will have a potluck this Sat 9/24, from 11-1.*

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Oct 19 unless needing to meet sooner to take action on the budget amendment.

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**H. Adjourn**

A motion was made by CATON CAMPBELL, seconded by TESCH, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 6-0, YGP vote 1-0

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins; Pending council review.