



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, January 19, 2022

5:30 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins

Present 8 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL WARNER, MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, DANIEL CORNELIUS, SHIRLEY NENNIG, and ABHA THAKKAR

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021
MIN-545](#)

DC FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES 10.NOV.2021

Attachments: [2021 MIN-545](#)

A motion was made by RITT, seconded by NENNIG, that the Minutes be approved.
The motion carried by a voice vote 8-0.

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

CATON CAMPBELL brought the Healthy School Meals For All in Wisconsin effort to the council's attention. More details will be shared via email and can be discussed at the February meeting.

D. Reports to Committee*Work Team Reports*

- *Food Access, Relief & Economic Support – CATON CAMPBELL, RICHARDS*
The FARES WG will reconvene in April. Some SEED/PIE recommendations are being incorporated for 2022.

- *Food Plan – Guffey Calkins*
The county RFP will be finalized and posted around the end of January.

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty - TESCH*
Ag Leases on City Owned Lands: The Policy Memo was shared with the City of Madison Economic Development Division (EDD) staff who deal with leases, and next steps were discussed on 1/6/22.

- *Several leases have already been signed and recorded for 2022*
- *EDD staff will share the policy memo and set up meetings with relevant City Agency Staff*
- *Guffey Calkins will connect appropriate city agencies with Dane County Land & Water Resources staff*
- *Staff will determine which of the remaining leases could be revised in 2022*
- *Appropriate staff will discuss potential revisions with current lessees*
- *If current lessees choose not to continue renting, begin to look for new farmers*
- *Revisions will be phased in as staff capacity and lessee negotiations allow in coming years*

RAFS is going to draft a policy memo regarding the agricultural zoning of the City of Madison Raemisch Farm property.

Staff Reports

- *City of Madison – George Reistad*
No report

- *Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman*
COVID-19 Cases continue to remain critically high in Dane County as well as throughout Wisconsin and the rest of the United States. The U.S. is averaging about 700,000 new cases a day. COVID-related hospitalizations have increased 80% over the last 2 weeks, but that count also includes people with incidental COVID infections as well. Case rates are highest in Northeastern states, including New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island. In Dane County, as of 1/13/2022, the 7-day average: 1320.7 cases per day. 21.2% of all tests are coming up positive for COVID-19, which excludes positives from at-home tests that do not get reported. In the past 3 weeks, 1 out of 25 people in the county are known to have tested positive.

- *Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins*
The UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Program has joined forces with the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC) to pilot a virtual Spanish-language food entrepreneur showcase this month. Facilitated by WWBIC's Spanish-language business consultant Arlene Bollig and Comienzos, a Latino Business Assistance Partnership, the purpose of this series is to highlight the unique evolution of several Wisconsin-based food businesses owned and operated by native Spanish speakers. Topics will include importation, developing a market, and growing a business incrementally. Sessions are January 18 & January 25 at 10am. Zoom registration is at <https://go.wisc.edu/m6hat6>.

Registration is open for the 2022 Organic Vegetable Production Conference, organized by UW-Madison Extension Dane County and FairShare CSA Coalition: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/danecountyag/2022-organic-vegetable-production-conference/>. It will be online on February 3, 4, 7, and 8, 2022. This producer-initiated conference is designed for advanced growers and attracts participants from throughout the Midwest and beyond.

Regular Business Reports

- Community Gardens – Nicholas Leete

Rooted and Extension staff continue to plan for the 2022 Community Garden Summit, to be held virtually Saturday, Feb 5th. The Green Thumb gardening series, also put out by Extension, has begun, with a focus on vegetable gardens, and will continue weekly until March 21st. Community garden organizers, meanwhile, are planning for garden registration. Additionally, Municipal Service Fee Pilot Program Report was submitted to City of Madison Staff.

- Double Dollars – Alma Horlock

The new Double Dollars (DD) program Coordinator has started this week -- Marcus Slaton. Additionally, typically the year-end report for the DD program is distributed to those who request it by the end of Feb. However, it is likely that this will be a bit delayed this year as Marcus gets trained and acclimated to the position. New Double Dollars Coordinator: Marcus Slaton, marcuss@cacscw.org

- Values, Race, and Power Community of Practice – THAKKAR, Kirsten Moore

The John Hopkins University Community of Learning and Practice on Racial Justice in Food Policy Councils (FPCs) met on January 12. Participants discussed their collective homework assignments where they began reflecting on the power dynamics within their FPCs, the willingness to engage in discomfort, and how the structure of their FPCs may impact engagement. They also discussed the idea of Radical Respect: "I may not agree, but I am open to your ideas and understanding." Thank you to the 5 Dane County and 13 City of Madison FPC members who participated in the survey! Abha and Kirsten will be compiling a report out on the survey for future review. Before next month's COLP meeting February 2, participants are asked to continue their reflections on the unwritten rules and norms that impact who has power on their FPCs and how power and culture informs the FPCs engagement efforts and policy making or recommendations.

Council Discussion

- DCFC Recruiting - RICHARDS

A discussion was held to talk through strategies and planning for upcoming and ongoing DCFC member recruitment.

- DCFC and DCFC-MFPC meeting schedule

Members would like to hold meetings regularly on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Continue with every-other-month joint council meetings with Madison Food Policy Council (MFPC); DCFC meetings on the months in between.

- 2022 PIE Food Project grant

The 2022 PIE Food Project grant will be posted January 24, and will be due February 28. City of Madison SEED grants will have the same timeline. RITT, WARNER, NENNIG are willing to be on the review committee.

E. Announcements

Guffey Calkins – Dane ARPA/CARES funds have all been allocated at this time, so there will not be additional funds for FairShare CSA Coalition’s Partner Shares program in 2022, beyond the \$15K in the budget.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by THAKKAR, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval