



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, March 16, 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

Present 7 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL WARNER, DANIEL CORNELIUS, SHIRLEY NENNIG, and ABHA THAKKAR
Excused 1 - MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL

OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021
MIN-685](#) 2021 MIN-685

Attachments: [2021 MIN-685](#)

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

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

D. Reports to Committee

Work Team Reports

- *Food Access, Relief & Economic Support – CATON CAMPBELL, RICHARDS*
No report

- *Food Plan – Guffey Calkins*
The documents for Dane County RFP 122013 – Dane County Pandemic Food System Study can be found on www.danepurchasing.com/bids. Proposals are due 4/15/22. Last day to submit an inquiry (written) on the RFP is 3/25/22. All submitted inquiries and answers will be posted 4/1/22.

The USDA Regional Food System Partnership grant (RFSP) was recently posted; due 5/16/22. Food Plan WG will be meeting on 4/6/22 (2-3pm, zoom) to discuss application planning.

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty - TESCH*
Drafted a strong memo in response to the proposed plat for the Raemisch Farm property. Madison Common Council voted to place the proposal on file without prejudice. Common Council is also going to create an agricultural land task force. Next meeting is this Friday 3/18/22 via zoom.

Staff Reports

- *City of Madison – George Reistad*
SEED Grants: City of Madison received 33 SEED grant apps, requesting over \$267k. City review team is meeting Monday 3/21/22 to discuss and make funding recommendations for the 3/23/22 Madison Food Policy Council meeting.

Madison Public Market: Madison Public Market received a \$4m grant from the State of WI Neighborhood Investment Fund Program. With this money, the market has reached its minimal viable financing and will be built.

- *Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman*
The number of COVID cases, people hospitalized in Dane County hospitals with COVID, and people in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) with COVID have all decreased significantly since the peak of Omicron in January 2022, and are now at levels we have not seen since the summer of 2021. The current 7-day average of COVID cases is 65.3, the lowest since July 29, 2021. The current 7-day average of people hospitalized with COVID in Dane County hospitals is 50.7, the lowest since August 17, 2021, and the 7-day average of COVID patients in the ICU is 5.9, the lowest since June 17, 2021.

- *Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins*
Dane County Partners in Equity (PIE) Food Project grants – 22 applications were received, totaling \$70,066.

Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include *Tips for Food Business Success: Virtual Winter/Spring 2022 Workshop Series* (Mondays 10-11:15am CT, March 7th – April 4th) *Green Thumb Gardening – Spring Series* (Wednesdays 9-11am, March 9th-May 25), and *Webinars for WI Gardeners* (May 10, 18, 31; 12pm).

2022 Organic Vegetable Production Conference materials - All video recordings, presentations, and handouts are available now for only \$50 for all materials (\$40 for FairShare Farms). Register for materials here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-organic-vegetable-production-conference-recordings-registration-272966679687>

Regular Business Reports

- Community Gardens – Nicholas Leete

Community gardens are in the midst of planning for and carrying out registration around Dane County, while planning events throughout the year. In new garden news, the City of Fitchburg, after establishing 4 community gardens in their parks over the past 2 years, is currently accepting requests for proposals to coordinate community engagement on and design an agriculture park, to include multiple community garden and agriculture components, in the Terravessa development of Fitchburg. Proposals are due April 4th of this year, linked here: <https://www.fitchburgwi.gov/2031/Request-for-Proposals>

- Double Dollars – No report

- Values, Race, and Power Community of Practice – THAKKAR, Kirsten Moore
No report

Council Discussion

- Strategic Plan - WARNER

A conversation was held around updating DCFC's strategic plan.

- Agricultural land preservation - TESCH

Council members expressed interest in gathering more information about Dane County programs and efforts to preserve agricultural land, and connecting these efforts to the City of Madison agricultural land task force that will be created. The RAFS work group may serve as a space to connect these efforts.

- Capital Area Regional Planning Commission – 2050 Regional Development Framework – Guffey Calkins

A draft of CARPC's 2050 Regional Development Framework report is available for review and comment before May 13 at: <https://rdf-carpc.hub.arcgis.com/> or by emailing Caitlin Shanahan at caitlins@capitalarearpc.org,

E. Announcements

Chair WARNER thanked RICHARDS for all of his contributions to DCFC; April will be his last meeting.

There will be an open citizen DCFC position in April; spread the word.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by RITT, seconded by THAKKAR, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval