



# 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?*

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Wednesday, May 18, 2022

5:30 PM

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#### A. Call To Order

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

*Madison Food Policy Council members: Chair Nicholas Leete, Jamie Bugel, Lindsey Day  
Farnsworth, Alder Yanette Figueroa Cole, Taylor Foster, Sarah Larson, Dustin Lundt,  
Laura Scandurra, Devika Suri, Alder Regina Vidaver*

*OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey, Sarah Elliott, Jill  
Groendyk, Luthien Niland, Rishika Tumula, Seb Alexander Waldvogel, Logan Morrow*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022  
MIN-060](#)

FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES FROM FEB 16, 2022

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-060](#)

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

#### C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

#### D. Announcements

#### E. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

## F. Presentations

*Pandemic Food System Study Introduction – Sift Consulting. Members of the Sift Consulting team (Sarah Elliott, Jill Groendyk, Luthien Niland) introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their project proposal.*

*Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan – this will be moved to a future meeting.*

## G. Reports to Committee

### *Work Group Reports*

- *Food Access, Relief & Economic Support*  
No report

- *Food Plan – WARNER, CATON CAMPBELL*  
The group isn't applying for the 2022 USDA Regional Food Systems Partnership grant, but is focusing on developing relationships and a cash match for future proposals. The approved vendor for the pandemic food system study is Sift Consulting.

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty - TESCH*  
Work group is focusing on agricultural land preservation efforts.

### *Staff Reports*

- *City of Madison – George Reistad*  
No report

- *Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman*  
Updates provided based on the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- *Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins*  
Low Mow May: The 5.19.22 Dane County Board agenda includes an honorary resolution to recognize May 2022 as Low Mow May and to promote pollinator friendly lawn height year-round. This resolution is in line with the City of Madison resolution, and is designed to boost the population of bees and other pollinators. Members of both food councils were instrumental in developing this resolution (Supervisor Ritt, Laura Scandurra) in conjunction with city and county staff.

Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include Green Thumb Gardening – Spring Series (Wednesdays 9-11am, March 9th-May 25), Webinars for WI Gardeners (May 10, 18, 31; 12pm), and Green Thumb Gardening – Summer Series (Mondays 6-8pm, June 6th-Aug 22). The 2022 Dane County Master Gardener Plant Sale will be held Sunday, May 22nd, 11a.-3pm. A list of plants for sale and more info will be updated at <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/plant-sale/>.

### *Regular Business Reports*

- *Community Gardens – Nicholas Leete*  
Community gardens are finishing up registration. There are still some openings in case folks can help get the word out.

- *Madison Metropolitan School District – Dustin Lundt*  
MMSD is getting ready for summer feeding program – a list of sites is being developed. Starts June 20. USDA hasn't extended waivers, so it will be back to pre-pandemic style - breakfasts and lunches for kids at summer school sites.

- Double Dollars Program – Nick Heckman, Jamie Bugel  
Double Dollars will start at farmers markets on June 1. \$25 can be doubled per market  
(can do multiple markets per week).

- Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice -  
THAKKAR  
At the recent session, participants shared organizational structures and governance  
models, and how those help or hinder their goals. More work is ahead to make space to  
have more resident voice present at DCFC/MFPC meetings.

## H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

June 15

## I. Adjourn

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

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