



# 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, February 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.

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#### A. Call To Order

*Madison Food Policy Council members: Chair Erica Anderson Dietz, Chris Brockel, Jamie Bugel, Jenny Conroy, Alder Yanette Figueroa Cole, Alma Horlock, Rebecca Kemble, Taylar Foster, Sarah Larson, Nicholas Leete, Dustin Lundt, Kirsten Moore, Laura Scandurra, Alder Regina Vidaver*

*OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey, Taylr Johnson*

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

**Excused** 1 - ABHA THAKKAR

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#)  
[MIN-623](#) MINUTES 15.DEC.2021

**Attachments:** [MINUTES 15.DEC.2021](#)

A motion was made by WARNER, 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. Announcements

*Jess Guffey Calkins: A Food Equity Capacity Grant is currently being offered through Second Harvest Food Bank. \$200,000 available for community groups in the SHFB area of service.*

*CATON CAMPBELL: Wisconsin Healthy Meals For All Coalition is working on advocacy to extend free breakfast and lunch for all children in Wisconsin:  
[www.healthyschoolmealsforallwi.org](http://www.healthyschoolmealsforallwi.org)*

**E. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****F. Action Items**

*Preserving Agricultural Land Use on Raemisch Farm Property Memo*

[2021](#)  
[ACT-466](#)

MFPC-DCFC REGIONAL AGRICULTURE MEMO 2\_15\_22

**Attachments:** [2021 ACT-466](#)

*This Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty workgroup memo was shared with City of Madison Plan Commission on 2/8/2022 and the City of Madison Mayor and Common Council on 2/16/2022. A discussion was held about the memo. An amendment was proposed to remove the language from recommendation 1.4 while recognizing potential future impact of noise from the impending addition of F-35s to the area in the document's preamble.*

*Motion by TESCH to approve the memo with the proposed amendment, Second by RITT. All in favor, motion carries.*

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

## G. Reports to Committee

### *Work Group Reports*

- *Food Access, Relief & Economic Support –Nick Heckman*  
No report

- *Food Plan –Jess Guffey Calkins*  
RFP development for the covid food system assessment is still underway and last pieces are wrapping up to get it posted.

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty –TESCH*  
The main update is the memo previously discussed.

### *Staff Reports*

- *City of Madison – George Reistad*  
No report

- *Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman*  
Updates delivered regarding the ongoing COVID-19 situation for Dane County.

- *Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins*  
Dane County Partners in Equity (PIE) Food Project grants – application period is open; deadline is February 28, 2022 (same deadline as for City of Madison SEED grants). The PIE Food Project Grant program was created to encourage the innovative development of projects that advance equity and access in local food systems across Dane County through educational and outreach services. Individuals and organizations with smaller projects are especially encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to projects serving Dane County communities outside the City of Madison and those that impact under-resourced or underrepresented communities in Madison.  
<https://equity.countyofdane.com/grants/PIE-food>

Upcoming events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website:  
<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>

*Tips for Food Business Success: Virtual Winter/Spring 2022 Workshop Series: Mondays 10-11:15am CT, March 7th – April 4th. Free online trainings for food entrepreneurs and farm-based food businesses – topics include best practices in social media and marketing, strategies for overcoming labor challenges, collaborative marketing and distribution options, culturally rooted food business development, and an introduction to GrowthWheel, a tool to guide small business development. Registration is required at: <https://go.wisc.edu/b8m3it>. Details at <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/events/virtual-winter-2022-workshop-series-tips-for-food-and-farm-business-success/>. (UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Program - Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development (FEED) project)*

*Webinars for WI Gardeners. UW-Madison Division of Extension Horticulture Program is offering FREE educational mini webinars to help you be more successful in your own yards, gardens, containers – anywhere you grow plants! Series 1: Planning for a Fruitful Season Series, February 23-March 9, Wednesdays, 12pm.*  
<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/events/webinars-for-wi-gardeners/>

### *Regular Business Reports*

- *Community Gardens – Nicholas Leete*

*A successful virtual Garden Summit event was held on Sat 2/5 – co-organized by Rooted & Extension Dane County. Gardens are also planning for registration and events throughout the year.*

*- Madison Metropolitan School District – Dustin Lundt  
Continuing to offer weekly meal boxes to virtual students at LaFollette and Memorial High Schools on Monday.*

*- Double Dollars Program  
No report.*

*- Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice – Kirsten Moore, THAKKAR  
The February 2 session of the Community of Learning and Practice on Racial Equity and Economic Justice focused on exploring how unwritten rules or norms impact who has power in our food policy councils (FPCs). The group shared observations from their own councils around the country and talked about various dynamics they observe, such as:*

- the professionalization of FPCs that are populated largely by food systems-employed staff;*
- meeting during business hours, making it challenging for non-food systems professionals to participate;*
- institutional ties (City, County, etc) that give some members of the FPCs more power than others;*
- the importance of thoughtful onboarding to help new members feel effective;*
- white supremacy culture norms, such as an emphasis on written communication and power-hoarding;*
- the important of compensating unpaid participants for their time;*
- agenda-setting controlled by a small cohort of participants;*
- and an overall lack of general citizen participation.*

*FPC partners met and explored what was working and what wasn't about their specific FPC cultures. This is a discussion that is proposed for the whole group on a future agenda:*

*What are our values as a FPC and*

- 1. How do we reimagine our FPC such that the culture and relationships live out those values?*
- 2. What hurdles or challenges do we imagine encountering in trying to live out the values through the culture and relationships of our FPC?*
- 3. What are the human/financial/technical resources that will help us to bring about change in the culture and relationships of our FPC?*

## **H. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

### **I. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by WARNER, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

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