



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 25, 2023

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman
Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room
Moraine; attend virtually via Zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public
testimony.

A. Call To Order

- Present** 8 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Vice Chair SHEENA TESCH, Chair BILL WARNER,
MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, SHIRLEY NENNIG, ABHA THAKKAR, Supervisor
RICHELLE ANDRAE, and ERICA JANISCH
- Excused** 1 - DANIEL CORNELIUS

OTHERS PRESENT: YGP Representative Josie Capps, Jess Guffey Calkins

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) 12.14.2022 MINUTES FOOD COUNCIL
[MIN-530](#)

Attachments: [2022 MIN-530](#)

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

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

D. Action Items

TESCH arrived at 5:36 pm.
DCFC Work Groups
Members held a discussion about some possible adjustments to DCFC Work Groups.

A motion was made by ANDRAE, seconded by RITT, to postpone discussion until
February meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

E. Reports to Committee

Work Group Reports

- *Food Access, Relief & Economic Support*

No report

- *Food Plan – CATON CAMPBELL, WARNER, Guffey Calkins*

Work group is holding discussions about which entities will be the lead applicants for the USDA Regional Food System Partnership grant. The City of Madison is working with Natural Resources Defense Council on a Food Matters Initiative. The initiative is looking into gathering information about the food rescue landscape of Madison/Dane County (by June), which could connect to and supplement Dane County Pandemic Food System Study.

Sift Consulting will present about the Dane County Pandemic Food System Study at the DCFC meeting on Weds, March 22, 5:30 pm (hybrid format – option to attend either via zoom or in-person (5201 Fen Oak Dr, Madison, WI, 53704 - Moraine Room). There is an option for Sift to present at a Dane County Board meeting as a “Special Matter” – limited to 10 minutes, no questions. Or Sift could present at an EANR Committee meeting.

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty – TESCH, CATON CAMPBELL, Guffey Calkins*

Currently supporting and assisting the City of Madison Farmland Preservation Task Force.

Staff Reports

- *City of Madison – George Reistad via Guffey Calkins*

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MFPC is doing some facilitated council planning in Jan & Feb 2023.

- *Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins*

Locally cases are stable and statewide cases continue to decrease. Nationally, most metrics are trending downward. Cases, hospitalizations and test positivity are all down by about 20% in the past two weeks after a period of increasing activity just after the holidays. The improving conditions are most pronounced in the Northeast which had some of the country’s worst outbreaks for much of December and early January. Locally, hospitalizations are stable. Statewide, as of 1/17, inpatient hospitalizations with COVID are decreasing and the number of people with COVID in the ICU is stable. Deaths remain low locally and statewide, but nationally, the daily average number of deaths has increased to over 500 per day. This increased number has begun to level off in recent days.

- *Dane County/Extension – Jess Guffey Calkins*

Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include Vegetable Farmers: Becoming the Employer of Choice (multiple sessions between Jan 5 – Feb 6), Organic Vegetable Production Conference (Jan 26-27 online, Feb 3-4 at Alliant Energy Center), Green Thumb Gardening Vegetable Series (through Jan 30).

Regular Business Reports

- *Double Dollars – Guffey Calkins*

No report

- Community Gardens – Nicholas Leete
No report

- Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice –
THAKKAR
The last meeting was November 2022. Upcoming in-person gathering in Mississippi (late
Apr/early May). Thakkar has to step away due to other commitments arising – looking for
a DCFC member to step in. The group meets 4th Wednesdays 12-3 (zoom) for another
4-6 months.

Council Discussion

- 2023 PIE Food Project grant process – NENNIG, RITT, THAKKAR, Guffey Calkins
Application period open through Feb 27. Many of the FARES Work Group
recommendations were incorporated into application changes. The application was
combined with the scoring rubric for increased transparency. There is also higher priority
for applicants outside the City of Madison and priority to not-previously-funded applicants.
Review team will be RITT, NENNIG, JANISCH.

- Work Groups
This was discussed under D.

- 2023 Meeting Schedule
DCFC will meet on 4th Wednesdays. No Feb 22 meeting; an email will be sent to
announce whether the meeting will be moved to Feb 15 or March 1.

F. Announcements

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

February meeting date change.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

**A motion was made by NENNIG, seconded by TESCH, that the meeting be
adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval