



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, October 11, 2023

5:30 PM

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A. Call To Order

Present 6 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Vice Chair SHEENA TESCH, Chair BILL WARNER,
Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, ERICA JANISCH, and MARCIA CATON
CAMPBELL

Excused 3 - SHIRLEY NENNIG, ABHA THAKKAR, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) 8.23.2023 FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
[MIN-299](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-299](#)

A motion was made by ANDRAE, seconded by JANISCH, that the Minutes be
approved. CATON CAMPBELL abstains. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0-1.

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

D. Reports to Committee*Regular Business Reports**- Food Plan – CATON CAMPBELL*

No USDA funding notifications yet; federal budget hasn't been approved yet.

TESCH joined at 5:37pm.

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty - TESCH

The next meeting is this Friday 10.13.23. The group is assessing if the standing date/time still works well for folks, will discuss outreaching to more participants, and will be discussing any updates on the terminal market or hoopouses allowance in City of Madison code. TESCH is moving to Vermont; Nicholas Leete will step in as RAFS chair.

- Madison Farmland Preservation Task Force – CATON CAMPBELL

Urban agriculture use has been included into City of Madison subdivision definitions. Open comment period right now on City of Madison's Sustainability Plan: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/sustainability/highlights/take-the-sustainability-plan-community-survey-today>

- Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc – CATON CAMPBELL

Co-facilitated a productive and successful Food Recovery Convening today (Oct 11). WFSI Bd will meet Friday; haven't met since August.

- Double Dollars Program –

No report

- Community Gardens –

No report

- Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice – TESCH

Did a visionary budget exercise at the last meeting; materials will be shared. The project wraps up in November 2023.

- City of Madison Business Development Specialist -

No report

- Public Health Madison & Dane County –

No report

- Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins

New report available: "Advancing Racial and Social Equity in Wisconsin Farm to School: Strategies for Investing in Historically Underserved Producers". Contains in-depth information about barriers, and in-depth recommendations for policymakers, schools, producers, and organizations. The project is a collaborative effort between the UW-Madison School of Human Ecology's (SoHE) Civil Society and Community Research Department and Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies (CommNS), the UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Program, and REAP Food Group. Report here: <https://foodsystems.extension.wisc.edu/advancing-racial-and-social-equity-in-wisconsin-farm-to-school/>

UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development (FEED) Program is partnering with Green Bay nonprofit New Food Forum to organize a 2-day summit for Wisconsin food and farming entrepreneurs! The 2023 FEED Summit will be held in-person on November 13-14, 2023, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This year's theme is: Adding Value to Your Food or Farming Business! Go to <https://go.wisc.edu/j40254> for more information and to register.

Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include gardening education classes September-November.

Council Discussion

- Pandemic Food System Study

Additional food systems/food planning capacity is being added to Nick Heckman's position and division in Public Health Madison Dane County. This will add overall city/county food staffing capacity. Early action can take place around future requests for increased food systems capacity.

- 2024 Budget Planning process

The council discussed submitting a budget amendment proposal for funding for the Food Plan project, given the uncertainty of the USDA funding possibility. The council also discussed submitting a budget amendment proposal to add another \$20,000 for the 2024 PIE Food Project Grants.

- YWCA Racial Justice Summit – Oct 3.

No discussion was held.

- Taste the Future event – Nov 3.

Members discussed the opportunity to have a presence at FEED Kitchen's Taste the Future event.

E. Action Items

Budget proposal

This was discussed above under 2024 Budget Planning Process.

F. Announcements

ANDRAE - appreciated the opportunity to connect in person with members from both food councils at Troy Farms in September.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

10/25 – Meeting will be cancelled.

Next meeting will either be 11/29 or 12/6 based on member availability.

Bill plans to attend the meetings in-person. At least one other member is needed to attend in-person as a back-up in case something comes up for Bill.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by CATON CAMPBELL, seconded by JANISCH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval