



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, September 25, 2024

5:30 PM

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

A. Call To Order

- Present** 6 - SHIRLEY NENNIG, BILL WARNER, JAY BROWER, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, ADDI FAERBER, and ERICA JANISCH
- Excused** 3 - CARL CHENOWETH, KERRY MARREN, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

Attended by Zoom: NENNIG, BROWER, HASSELL, FAERBER, JANISCH
OTHERS PRESENT: YGP member Radhika Gupta, Jess Guffey Calkins,

B. Consideration of Minutes

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Motion by _NENNIG_ to approve minutes, Second by _FAERBER_. All in favor,
motion carries (_5-0, 1 abstain_)

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

D. Reports to Committee

Regular Business Reports

- *Regional Food Plan (Regional Food System Partnership grant) – WARNER, Guffey Calkins*

Progress continues toward development of survey instruments and community engagement. Website has been developed and graphics are being developed for branding purposes. Community engagement process will begin this week with consumer surveying. Will be launching a podcast in October to share information about food system work and subjects related to the food system.

Project website: <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/dane-county-food-action-plan/>

- *Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc*

No report

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty; Community Gardens – Guffey Calkins*
Regional Ag & Food Sovereignty (RAFS) meetings are open to all: 2nd Fridays, 1-2:30, zoom.

- *Food Access; Double Dollars Program – Guffey Calkins*

Double Dollars outdoor season will end October 31.

- *Public Health Madison & Dane County; City of Madison Business Development – Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins*

Progress continues toward revision of a report detailing food insecurity in Dane County.

- *Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins*

Dane County Executive’s budget was released on 9/18.

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

Council Discussion

- *Community of Learning Practice on Racial Equity and Economic Justice*
DCFC discussed the Community of Learning Practice on Racial Equity and Economic Justice (COLP) presentation from the 8.21.24 Madison Food Policy Council meeting. DCFC considered how the COLP information may be integrated in the DCFC Action Plan work.

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- DCFC Action Plan implementation
The policy action plan team is preparing to meet.

- Organic Conversion Program funds
Created in 2017, these funds offer up to \$250/year, for up to 3 years, for farms converting to, or starting as, organic. Not many growers have inquired about or applied for these funds. There is still \$2,000 remaining out of the original \$3,000. DCFC discussed the idea that providing funds to support growers in obtaining Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certification may better address growers' needs. GAP certification allows growers to access wholesale markets and also sell to schools. This discussion will continue at the next DCFC meeting.

- 2025 Budget planning
In the Executive's budget, the items related to DCFC work are consistent with last year's funding.

E. Announcements

- 2025 Farm Fresh Atlas renewal process will start soon, and run through January. There are some scholarship options being developed to help cover the cost for newer, smaller, and underserved entities. (FAERBER)
- Wisconsin Book Festival – food-systems related talks (NENNIG, FAERBER):
10/17, 5:30pm: Transforming School Food Politics around the World
<https://www.wisconsinbookfestival.org/events/transforming-school-food-politics-around-world>
10/19, 1:30pm: Food Politics <https://www.wisconsinbookfestival.org/events/food-politics>
10/17, 5:30pm: Barons <https://www.wisconsinbookfestival.org/events/barons>

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

10/9 meeting is cancelled.
The next DCFC meetings are on 10/30 and 12/4 (no November meeting).

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

H. Adjourn

Motion by FAERBER to adjourn, Second by NENNIG. All in favor, motion carries (6-0).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending committee approval.