



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Food Council Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Work Group

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Friday, February 17, 2023

12:00 PM

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

A. Call To Order

Present 3 - Chair SHEENA TESCH, NAN FEY, and NICHOLAS LEETE

Others present: Erin Barnes Lowe, Leslie Schroeder, Jess Guffey Calkins, Alder Regina Vidaver, Susan Hessel

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022
MIN-569](#)

1.20.2023 MINUTES FOOD COUNCIL RAF

Attachments: [2022 MIN-569](#)

A motion was made by FEY, seconded by LEETE, that the Minutes be approved.
The motion carried by a voice vote 3-0.

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Leslie Schroeder registered & will speak under #2 below.

D. Discussion Items

1. Local market development

2. Land for cultivation

-McPike Park (formerly Central) - Leslie Schroeder. Master Plan intended for space to include edible plants. Linear space along E. Wash. Contamination issues. Land between McPike and Willy Street Park - parking lot. - raised beds with greenhouse around it? City of Madison said this site can't be used because they use it for La Fete (to stage dumpsters). Write up a summary of this to give to the Farmland Preservation Task Force.

-USDA Urban Ag & Innovation grants - possibility of applying for an Urban Ag Analysis project.

-BT Farms. Planning for an agrihood community on the far east side of Madison, off Buckeye Rd. <https://btfarms.org/> Online info session today @1pm (BT Farms will record & share).

-Edible Landscaping on City of Madison land: Within city, responsibility for maintenance and upkeep cannot come from city staff, per common council decision <https://www.cityofmadison.com/mayor/programs/food/edible-landscapes-permit-process>

3. City Farmland Preservation Task Force

The Task Force on Farmland Preservation is meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 3pm. In January we created a list of topics and questions to be addressed by the Task Force, and formed three teams to work on specific areas: Land Access, Land Characteristics and Policy Review. All of our working materials are listed under the "Resources" section of our meeting agendas. For the next two months the teams will work in between Task Force meetings to assemble the information and research so that everything needed for the final report will be done by the end of March. We will be having a presentation on the updated Sustainability Plan at our February 22 meeting. Alder Evers is working on a resolution to extend the deadline of the Task Force through June to enable us to write the report and have it circulated through committees for feedback before final approval by the Common Council.

-Discussion around maps being developed by Task Force (community gardens, privately-owned ag-zoned land; will also be a historical map of ag land).

-Look at maps in staff presentation from 12.14.23 meeting.

-Susan connected Laura to Matt from UW about hosting maps.

-Plan to engage when Farmland Preservation Task Force presents recommendations to 3 committees in May/June: Sustainable Madison, Madison Food Policy Council, and Plan Commission (all meeting virtually). Madison Common Council meetings are hybrid.

4. Next projects brainstorming

E. Announcements

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by LEETE, seconded by TESCH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval