



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

Food Council

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

6:00 PM

City-County Building Room 356
210 Martin Luther king Jr Blvd
Madison WI 53703

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A. Call To Order

Present 6 - PATRICK DOWNING, BILL WARNER, BEVERLY HUTCHERSON, ACE LYNN-MILLER, CARL CHENOWETH, and DANIELLE LAWSON

Others present: Ian Aley, Mariela Quesada, Sue Marshall, George Reistad, Nick Heckman, Claire Mance, Lexa Dundore

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - none

C. Consideration of Minutes

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A motion was made by LYNN-MILLER, seconded by HUTCHERSON, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote (8,0).

D. Action Items

Garden Network Advisory Committee representative - Quesada if open to general membership, Lynn-Miller if needed.

A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by DOWNING, to grant the Chair authority to appoint new member. The motion carried unanimously (8,0).

E. Presentations

WIC Program – Sue Marshall presented on the Dane County WIC program.

F. Reports to Committee

Work team reports

1. *Food Waste - Hutcherson provided an update. The workgroup has developed a project list of deliverables derived from convocation and looking at hosting a second convocation of businesses.*
2. *Equity and Access - Dundore shared that the workgroup met on 4/13 and brainstormed distribution of Marshall Food Access Brief. Shared information about a student researcher looking at mercury toxicity of lake fish and potential health risks/outreach/policy guidance to support subsistence fishers - potential future Food Access brief. Discussed healthy retail access/promotion programs, looking at Madison's efforts and thinking about potential County models and budgetary requests.*
3. *Land Access - Aley shared that the workgroup met 3 weeks ago and identified a short term plan regarding make recommendations for the new County Parks Plan. Jim Welsh at Natural Heritage Land Trust is keeping an eye on the Parks Planning process to support group in getting recommendations in at the proper time. Lauren Suerth, PhD in URPL is looking at grant opportunities to fund a position to help support the group, maybe a graduate student. Lynn-Miller interim chair of group discussed resources developed thus far, next step is informing Plan and working with the interests of new Food Council members*
 - *Madison Food Policy Council – George Reistad reported that there are eight active MFPC work groups. Urban Ag is in formation - seeking ways to accommodate farmers given impending growing season. Healthy Marketing and Procurement is working on a Good Food Procurement Process resolution working its way through committees, Community Engagement: RESJ tool to guide scope of group's work; Healthy Retail Access Work Group: currently does not have outreach and technical assistance capacities to get out and talk with retailers—perhaps expanding beyond just retail; Pollinator Protection: pollinator habitat suitability application (mapping), trying to make something that can be maintained by City IT; Comprehensive Plan work group: recommendations for Madison's Comp Plan; Food Waste: see above; Funding: SEED Grants - looking at how to reform and expedite program, requesting additional funds; general discussion about connecting City and County food council efforts for parallel projects.*
 - *Public Health Madison/Dane County – Nick Heckman reported that he shared the draft Marshall Food Access Brief with the Board of Health. He shared there was excitement about replication directed at other communities and potential broadening beyond place (i.e. issue-based); Discussion about coordinating efforts with students/campus researchers; Doug Voegeli, Director of Environmental Health, to discuss safe food donation guidelines and have a resource on hand; Legislative updates: state budget, haven't heard pushback around State budget proposals re: SNAP/Foodshare, work requirements, drug testing, photo ID, asset testing.*
 - *Dane County UW-Extension – Dundore shared that there are several applicants for the 2 open seats on Council. Carrie will send apps to Chairs of EANR and Extension committee so appointments can be made by May meeting; An update was provided on the Organic Incentive Pilot Program. More info and application can be found on the DCFC website. Suggestion was made to do outreach to certifying agencies (MOSA, WI Farmers Union, WI Young Farmers), also suggestion to update website to remove "priority deadline" wording. Extension has offered a couple of Backyard Chicken workshops this spring that have been very popular. The final workshop is Sat 4/29 10am-3pm at East Madison Community Center. Information is available in English, Spanish, and Hmong. The second annual 21 Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge is wrapping up on April 29th. There was good Extension and community participation.*

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting – May 24, 2017

Agenda items for next meeting: Outreach committee for DCFC (action item), Assemble Organic Conversion Incentive review committee. Talk about Operation Fresh Start kitchen access for community groups geared towards food security/access

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - none

Announcements -

Warner: Thank you and farewell to Ian and Mariela

Downing: Board Chair of Farley Center speaking in Mt. Horeb today at public forum on community gardens—looking to develop Mt. Horeb community garden

Aley: Market Ready program of Madison Public Market, info sessions going on right now (Badger Rock April 30, Centro Hispano May 21, Urban League another date). Deadline for applications July 1. Marketreadymadison.org. 30 participants, 15 receive small development grants, 5 for \$14,000 to outfit their stall

Hutcherson: Operation Fresh Start moving, new building will include commercial kitchen, talks in the works about additional kitchen access for community groups geared towards food security/access (add as agenda item for next month)

Lawson: Second Harvest Public Open House May 20th to show off newly expanded space, folks welcome to come check it out, 10am - ?

Warner: Thanks to all for their attendance and work on these meetings

Heckman: George and Nick will be at Feeding America Health and Hunger Summit

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by LYNN-MILLER, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously (8,0).

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