



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

Food Council

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

6:00 PM

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A. Call To Order

Present 6 - PATRICK DOWNING, BILL WARNER, ACE LYNN-MILLER, DANIELLE LAWSON, KAREN VON HUENE, and MICHELE RITT

Absent 3 - BEVERLY HUTCHERSON, CARL CHENOWETH, and HEDI RUDD

Also Present: Claire Mance, George Reistad

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

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 1-24-2018 MINUTES

[MIN-527](#)

Attachments: [1-24-2018 MINUTES](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by RITT, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote (6,0).

D. Action Items

- Annual Report - Correction on page 1: \$200,000 should be changed to \$220,000

A motion was made by VON HUENE, seconded by LYNN-MILLER, that the annual report be approved once amended. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

E. Presentations

- Karen Von Huene, Director of Community Groundworks, provided an update on Community Gardens.

F. Reports to Committee

*Work team reports**1. Food Waste & Recovery*

RITT provided this update. Food recovery guide is in process of being compiled into one document by the interns. They plan to present to the work group after they have finished putting the information together. On March 12th there will be a phone call with key stakeholders to discuss an agenda for the Food Recovery Business Convocation that will happen middle to late July. A Food Waste survey will be sent to people and organizations in MKE. Talked about MMSD food sharing tables / possible food recovery project and a need to know what policies currently exist.

2. Equity and Access

No report, group to meet March 1, 2018

3. Urban Ag

VON HUENE provided this update. At the last work group meeting, two guests (Jim Welsh from GroundSwell and Greg Rosenberg) sat in on meeting. The group listened to what land issues and challenges exist in the city/county. Discussed the Hmong family farmers that got flooded out of their land last summer and how to resolve this issue. Discussed some land by the Arboretum that the Land Trust will be purchasing – there have been about 40 Hmong families gardening on this land for last 30 years. Work group will continue to host listening sessions with important players in the urban ag field to learn from the experts and ask questions.

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- o SEED grants closed Monday and reviewers are currently reviewing for group discussion and finalist presentations on Monday; action by MFPC on Wed 3/7; final action by common council on 3/20*
- o Currently in talks with Healthy Retail Access Program applicant (working with her on application process) who will be opening a grocery store just off Allied Drive; have been working with Econ dev staff (Mike Miller and Ruth Rohlich) on this proposal*
- o Attended Gardens Network Summit this weekend (very well attended as I'm sure Karen mentioned during her presentation) and presented on how to connect with local government with Carrie Edgar, Nan Fey, Alder Kemble, and moderated by Karl van Lith*
- o Attended debrief meeting for Summer Meals Program 2018 – REAP and MMSD looking at expanding to 1 or 2 new sites where they will serve adult meals; I'll keep group posted*
- o Moving forward a resolution focused on establishing an inter-agency integrated pest management review task force to re-visit the City's current IPM policy; will work with city dept staff, city cmte members, and community experts to explore best practices and develop practical recommendations for departments to adopt*

Public Health Madison/Dane County – Nick Heckman

- o No report*

Dane County UW-Extension – Claire Mance

- o No report*

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting – March 28, 2018

Presentation on Madison Food Policy Council Work Group on the City's Comprehensive Plan by Martin Bailkey and Kyle Richmond

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by LYNN-MILLER, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

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