



# Dane County

## Minutes - Draft

### Food Council

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Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:00 PM

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 5 - BILL WARNER, DANIELLE LAWSON, HEDI RUDD, MICHELE RITT, and PATRICK DOWNING

**Absent** 4 - BEVERLY HUTCHERSON, ACE LYNN-MILLER, KAREN VON HUENE, and CARL CHENOWETH

*Others Present: George Reistad, Claire Mance*

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

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

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[MIN-006](#)

Attachments: [3-28-2018 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by RITT, seconded by LAWSON, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote (5,0).

#### D. Action Items

- *Organic Certification Incentive Application*

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by RITT, to accept the recommendation of the review team to approve the funding for Lovefood LLC application. The motion carried unanimously (5,0).

- *Downing reinstates his recommendation to grant \$250 per year for 3 years. Group discussion over the interpretation of the grant language, interpreting that even if the farmers certify in one year, they should continue to receive funding.*

#### E. Reports to Committee

### *Work team reports*

#### *1. Food Waste & Recovery -*

*1) RITT shared Food Waste and Recovery Guide with the Council. Stated the group's intention to create pamphlets with info generated from the guide – one for consumers, one for businesses. There is a budget to accompany a pamphlet distribution with outreach. The Task Force has elected to have Public Health host this guidebook on their website and therefore the task force will not have to do website upkeep.*

*2) Discussed upcoming Food Waste Business Convocation; in process of securing date and venue and still planning to coordinate with folks in Milwaukee. Aiming for July 18th.*

*3) School food waste program - Chris Brockel has a contact within DPI and they will meet to determine rules that would allow schools to have safe food sharing tables AND that schools would be able to repurpose unopened packaged food either by school community or by way of donations (not to be re-served at school lunch the next day).*

*2. Equity and Access - Has not held a meeting since March. Discussed proposing that the dollars allocated for the Innovation, Equity, and Inclusion grant be rolled over to next year's PIE grant in order to better prepare for next year's grant cycle.*

*3. Urban Ag - Continue main meeting time.*

#### *Madison Food Policy Council – George Reistad*

*1) Updated the group about Luna's Groceries, owner closed on the building last week; Set for an August opening date; was a recipient of Healthy Retail Access Program dollars.*

*2) Through Pollinator Protection group, a new Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy Review Task Force (new work group) is forming. This is one of the recommendations from the Pollinator Protection's work. There will be departmental staff, city/county staff, and community members involved as well as a 6 month period to review this IPM policy. The goal is to make the policy broader and set policies and procedures that work for every department. There should be a policy that allows them to do their plans and also protect human health.*

*3) George and Nick presented at the Hunger and Health Summit discussing what it would look like to create a statewide food policy council. Feedback from this discussion was given to the WI Local Food Network.*

*4) 2018 SEED Grants projects were approved; there were 11 applicants funded and many more projects that did not receive funding. 5) George presented 4/24/18 at Centro Hispano during a health and wellness event; land access and tenure issues came up. Mentioned the potential for Equity and Access work group to look into.*

*Public Health Madison/Dane County – Nick Heckman - No report*

## **F. Announcements**

*- Badger Rock is kicking off their community farm (10 farmers this year) at an event this Sunday, 4/29.*

*- Downing announced that it is his honor to reappoint Bill as Council chair. He also thanked Ritt and Chenoweth for standing by him as he opposed reducing DCFC to 7 members.*

## **G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*Next meeting – May 23, 2018 - Keith Reopelle to present on the Climate Change Action Planning process.*

*i. Food, Ag, and Forestry group (George mentioned there might be Food Waste collaboration opportunity with this group)*

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by RITT, to recommend that should the Council be unable to find a quorum on the May 23rd meeting, the meeting should be at the call of the chair. This was recommended for approval. The motion carried unanimously (5,0).

## **H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None**

## **I. Adjourn**

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by RUDD, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously (5,0).

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