



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

Food Council

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

6:00 PM

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A. Call To Order

Present 7 - BILL WARNER, BEVERLY HUTCHERSON, ACE LYNN-MILLER, DANIELLE LAWSON, KAREN VON HUENE, PATRICK DOWNING, and CARL CHENOWETH
Excused 2 - HEDI RUDD, and MICHELE RITT

Others present: Claire Mance, George Reistad, Carrie Edgar, Keith Roepelle

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

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#) 4-25-2018 MINUTES
[MIN-052](#)

Attachments: [4-25-2018 MINUTES](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by LAWSON, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote (5,2). LYNN-MILLER and CHENOWETH abstained.

D. Action Items

- *Elect chair and vice chair*

A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by LYNN-MILLER, to table until next meeting and all appointments are made. The motion carried (7,0).

- *Add Youth Governance member to the Council*

A motion was made by LAWSON, seconded by VON HUENE, to accept a YGP member on the Food Council. The motion carried unanimously (7,0).

E. Presentations

Dane County Climate Change Action Plan - Keith Reopelle presented on the Dane County Climate Change Action Planning process. Discussion and Q&A followed.

F. Reports to Committee

Work team reports

1. *Food Waste & Recovery - Warner provided an update. The Food Waste Convocation will be moved back until winter of 2019. The work team will focus their work on planning the convocation over the next several months. They will also be exploring a pilot project for food sharing tables in schools. The Food Waste and Recovery Guide is in final edit stage and will go to design and layout soon. It will be housed on the Public Health Madison & Dane County website with links from both Food Council websites.*

2. *Equity and Access - Beverly provided a brief update. The work team will be meeting soon. Mance shared that she and Carrie Edgar met with the Office of Equity and Inclusion. The draft proposal is being worked on now and will go back to OEI this week. They hope to have it out by mid June. The Council discussed and suggested a minimum of 4 week turn around time be allowed for people to complete the application. Ways to get the word out about the opportunity were discussed.*

3. *Urban Ag - Warner shared an update from the work team meeting last week. City officials attended and they discussed hoop houses and ag buildings. The group is still in the exploratory stage.*

Madison Food Policy Council – George Reistad shared that the CompPlan work group is developing a template to make recommendations and suggested that the Dane County Food Council might want to review it.

Public Health Madison/Dane County – Nick Heckman was not present but submitted a written report. Public Health update: the Farm Bill continues to move through Congress. This week we saw the House fail to pass their version of a Farm Bill that would have made significant cuts to SNAP. While Democrats found the cuts too significant, Republicans in the Freedom Caucus found them not significant enough, thus showing how difficult it will be to find a bill that can both pass the House and also get through the more evenly split Senate. Note that SNAP is a major sticking point in the Farm Bill, but there are other provisions that would help farmers and rural communities, such as the ones in Wisconsin and Dane County, adjust to the shifting global food system.

Dane County UW-Extension – Carrie Edgar shared that Jennifer Blazek, Dairy & Livestock Educator, has submitted her resignation and her last day with Dane County will be June 8, 2018. Due to State budget cuts, CES is not able to continue to co-fund the position going forward. Edgar will keep the Council informed. Claire Mance provided an update on the FoodWise Fruit and Veggie (FNV) campaign currently happening in Dane County. Edgar shared that Middleton is considering starting a Food Council.

G. Announcements

- Warner provided a thank you to Sup Downing for the time and support he has given to the Food Council. Beverly Hutcherson shared that she received the Wisconsin Women in Government Rising Star award last month.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting – June 27, 2018

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by LAWSON, seconded by CHENOWETH, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously (7,0).

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