



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Food Council

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, July 24, 2019

6:00 PM Lyman Anderson Center, 5201 Fen Oak Dr. Madison, WI

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#### A. Call To Order

- Present** 6 - BILL WARNER, CARL CHENOWETH, KAREN VON HUENE, CHRISTINE AMEIGH, SHEENA TESCH, and DONALE RICHARDS
- Excused** 3 - BEVERLY HUTCHERSON, MICHELE RITT, and CARMELLA GLENN

Others Present: Jess Guffey Calkins, Carrie Edgar, Sharon Lezberg

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

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by VON HUENE, that the 26-JUNE-2019 minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

[2019](#)  
[MIN-120](#) FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES 26-JUNE-2019

**Attachments:** [2019 MIN-120](#)

#### D. Reports to Committee

-Work team reports

1. Food Waste & Recovery– AMEIGH

At the last meeting, the work team talked about new City of Madison composting program that will be starting. Members will be reaching out to similar-sized cities with existing composting programs to get feedback so that it can be more successful this time.

2. Equity & Access – This team has not been meeting; is waiting for the strategic planning process to inform next steps.

### 3. Urban Ag– CHENOWETH

At the last meeting, the work team talked about DCFC strategic planning and how it relates to Madison Urban Ag objectives. The team wants to work with Dane County Parks, DCFC, and others to make land available for ag. The team wants to have DCFC more in the forefront of an urban ag group for the entire county (this could be through the current work team, or possibly a separate Dane County urban ag team). There is also an idea to possibly recommend the development of an urban ag division through UW-Madison Division of Extension; may start talking about this in the next budget process. The work team also wants to look into identifying land for agriculture, including understanding the city process for this, and engaging with municipalities to develop agreements about using land for ag. It would also be good to have a one-point source of communication to connect City of Madison, municipalities, and Dane County on the subject of land for ag.

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

At the 7/10 MFPC meeting, ACDS, LLC (Maryland Consultant firm) presented on progress to-date on the feasibility study they are doing for a food terminal in the Madison-area. Jess will email the PDF of their presentation.

#### -Public Health Madison/Dane County – Nick Heckman

The USDA has signaled that they will soon release a draft policy that will eliminate “categorical eligibility” for SNAP. This policy streamlines the income and asset tests needed to apply for nutrition benefits. It is estimated this will cause over 3 million participants to leave or lose benefits across the country. Since SNAP is used to help certify individuals into other programs such as WIC and free/reduced school meals, further families and children may be harmed by this ruling. PHMDC is working on an assessment of the local impact and will issue a public comment when the comment period opens. At that point, the public will have 60 days to submit comments at [federalregister.gov](http://federalregister.gov).

#### - Council Discussion

Strategic planning session facilitated by Sharon Lezberg. Council members will work to revise the Action plan.

- Extension Dane County– Jess Guffey Calkins

Heidi Johnson is serving as the state-wide Interim Agriculture Institute Director (has been from Feb 1 through Sept 30, 2019), so has temporarily stepped away from her Dane County Crops & Soils Educator role. Michelle Scarpace, Extension Natural Resource Educator, is filling in to provide support for Ag programming.

Joe Muellenberg has a new state-wide role as a 4-H Outreach Specialist. Currently advocating for continued funding for his position & duties.

Marcia Piña is working as an intern, and has taken on Joe's Grow Academy duties. She also works with the Youth Advocates for Community Health with Javier Neira and Claire Mance.

**E. Announcements-none**

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

-Next meeting – August 28, 6-7:30pm

**G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law-none**

**H. Adjourn**

A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by AMEIGH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending committee approval.