



# 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, January 22, 2020

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

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#### A. Call To Order

*Others Present: Eileen Gomez, Jess Guffey Calkins, Claire Mance, Chris Brockel, Greg Zahn, Alyssa Hartman*

**Present** 6 - Supervisor CARL CHENOWETH, DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL WARNER, and MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL

**Excused** 4 - CHRISTINE AMEIGH, CARMELLA GLENN, KAREN VON HUENE, and MARCIA KASIETA

#### B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None*

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#) FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES 11.DEC.2019  
[MIN-406](#)

**Attachments:** [2019 MIN-406](#)

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

#### D. Presentations

—Chris Brockel, FEED Kitchens & Northside Planning Council  
Chris updated the council on the Dream Up proposal he's involved with.

#### E. Action Items

—Dream Up Proposal

*No action needed.*

#### F. Reports to Committee

—Work team reports

1. Food Waste & Recovery.

RITT - Hasn't met again yet. The next meeting is Feb 19, 4:45pm, Fen Oak.

2. Urban Ag.

CATON CAMPBELL - Last meeting was Dec. 17; focused primarily on Ag leases – trending from primarily conventional Ag to possibly prioritizing more restorative farming practices.

3. Dane County Ag.

TESCH – First meeting was today, Jan 22 (new work team). Discussed initially focusing on increasing market opportunities for Dane County growers. Considering exploring a branding initiative that is more specific than Buy Local Buy Wisconsin; something especially attractive to restaurants.

4. Food Access.

TESCH – Hasn't met again yet. Next meeting is Jan 30. The initial focus will be centered around gathering and compiling existing data and assessments about food access needs first – and then using that to inform action ideas.

5. Food Entrepreneurship.

RICHARDS – Recent topics discussed include transportation issues, distribution issues, and record keeping. Created a shared notes doc for people to access; share information. Looking at a Feb meeting date to continue the conversation. Looking to post resources online – possibilities include the Dane County Food Council site, Dane County Food Coalition site, Edible Startup Network site, Startupbiz food website. May consider embedding YouTube videos of short how-to explanations.

—Madison Food Policy Council

Claire Mance SEED Grant process just opened Jan 22. Open through March 2.

—Public Health Madison/Dane County

No report

—Extension Dane County  
Jess Guffey Calkins

-2020 Organic Vegetable Production Conference – Jan 31-Feb 1, 2020, at Alliant Energy Center (coordinated by Claire Strader, Organic Vegetable Educator at Extension Dane County).

-Feb 22, 2020, 10-4 – Garden Summit (coordinated by the Gardens Network (Rooted, Extension, City of Madison). Community gardens summit.

-Taste the Future event – March 28. Having a joint Dane County Food Council & Madison Food Policy Council table. Need council/work group members to staff the table.

-Chicago Food Policy Summit – Friday, Feb 21. Free. Jess is going if anyone wants to carpool.

—Council Discussion

-Strategic planning updates (refer to work team reports)

-2020 Dane County PIE grant process.

This is the 3rd year of PIE grants (Partners in Equity). Eligible: Dane County groups (priority given to groups outside of Madison) addressing: reducing food waste, increasing access to food, or easing access to land for growing food. Can apply for up to \$2k or up to \$4k. Will be posted ASAP, due Mar 2. <https://equity.countyofdane.com/>

-Baltimore Resident Food Equity Advisors (RFEA) program: Sheena Tesch attended a training in Baltimore on Jan 21. Community members are engaged in (and paid) to give their input and advice regarding City of Baltimore food equity initiatives. Dane County Food Council will have a conversation with Madison Food Policy Council about the possibilities of considering a program like this in Madison/Dane County. <https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/resident-food-equity-advisors>

## **G. Announcements**

Greg Zahn – Wisconsin Local Food Network Board member; Circle Union Farm.

-There is currently a statewide WI Good Food Vision creation process underway – to develop a statewide good food charter similar to MI & MN.

-Food Policy workshop next Fri Jan 31 – part of the WI Farmers Union conference. Has a zoom-in option (Jess will send this out).

-Health & Hunger Summit coming up – April 27-28, Dells. Request for proposals – closes Jan 31.

-Asking Dane County folks to send more education out through the state (WLFN listserv) about food councils, food policy, etc.

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

– February 19, 6-7:30pm, Fen Oak

#### **I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*NONE*

#### **J. Adjourn**

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

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