



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?

Wednesday, February 19, 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

Present 5 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL WARNER, MARCIA KASIETA, and MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL

Excused 4 - CHRISTINE AMEIGH, Supervisor CARL CHENOWETH, CARMELLA GLENN, and DONALE RICHARDS

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

C. Election of officers

Motion was made by Ritt to nominate Tesch as Vice Chair, Kasieta seconded it, motion carried by voice vote. 5-0

D. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#)
[MIN-464](#) FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES 22.JAN.2020

Attachments: [MINUTES 22.JAN.2020](#)

A motion was made by RITT, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the Minutes be approved as amended to remove Karen Von Huene from attendance. The motion carried by a voice vote. 5-0

E. Reports to Committee

—Work team reports

1. Food Waste & Recovery
2. Urban Ag
3. Dane County Ag
4. Food Access
5. Food Entrepreneurship

Food Waste & Recovery:

Ritt stated the group met on Feb 19. City biodigester study project – is accepting RFPs. Working on strategic plan goals for this work team. Next meeting is March 25, 4:45pm, Fen Oak.

Urban Ag:

Caton Campbell stated this work team hasn't met again yet. Work team will be in search of a new chair. Will likely be meeting in March once George is back from leave.

Dane County Ag:

Tesch stated the group is looking at how to increase markets for local growers to sell within Dane County. Met with Matthew Fornoff - REAP Farm to School Coordinator; Next meeting is March 25, 4:30pm, Fen Oak.

Food Access:

Mance stated work team is revisiting the Marshall Food Brief & the issue of no grocery store in Marshall. Reached out to Sup. Schwellenbach (covers the Marshall district) – is going to connect us with people. Next meeting date is tbd.

Food Entrepreneurship:

Ameigh (via email) stated The team met on February 17, and discussed some 3-year, longer-term goals. Considerations include developing a collective business effort for both wholesale sourcing options and end cap marketing visibility for Dane County food products, influencing school fundraisers to utilize Dane County food products, supporting the development of an event to connect small/medium food businesses to local/regional/national buyers and farmers, shared booths for small/medium size businesses at regional/national food expos, and developing an online system/database that aggregates resources for small/medium businesses.

—Madison Food Policy Council – George Reistad

Claire Mance discussed what happened at the last meeting on Feb 5, there was a presentation from Jess Rutstein, a UW-Madison grad student, about food insecurity on the UW-Madison campus. This led to the planning of an upcoming convening of different entities hoping to address this on campus.

—Public Health Madison/Dane County – Nick Heckman

There are currently two public rules impacting child nutrition:

*1. A reversal of some of the increased nutrition standards for school meals introduced in the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/23/2020-00926/simplifying-meal-service-and-monitoring-requirements-in-the-national-school-lunch-and-school>*

*2. The codifying of some of the piloted rules that have increased flexibility for providers of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP):
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/23/2020-00919/streamlining-program-requirements-and-improving-integrity-in-the-summer-food-service-program-sfsp> The deadline for comments on both rules is March 23.*

Public charge rule changes will go into effect on February 24. These rules may alter the immigration status for non-citizens who participate in SNAP, Medicaid, and Housing Assistance. Being designated as a public charge could prevent someone from becoming a legal permanent resident, could impact individuals’ ability to enter the United States, and could be used in deportation proceedings.

—Extension Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins

Calkins stated Extension will soon be hiring a Dane County Ag in the Classroom Education Coordinator position.

—Council Discussion

Strategic planning updates

2020 PIE grant process

Calkins will be connecting with work teams regarding goal development, and collecting this information to bring it back together into the shared DCFC strategic plan.

Mance stated the Madison Food Policy Council is working with Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future to examine and revise their governance process, which could yield constructive information for DCFC as well.

*2020 Dane County PIE grant process.
PIE food project grants are due Monday, March 2. <https://equity.countyofdane.com/>*

F. Announcements

Claire Mance shared information about Double Dollars fundraising developments for next year.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting – March 25, 6-7:30pm, Fen Oak. Helen Sarakinos from REAP will present on policy work.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by CATON CAMPBELL, seconded by TESCH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins pending council approval.