



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?

Monday, December 7, 2020

5:00 PM

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phone

Joint Meeting of Dane County Food Council and Madison Food Policy Council

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A. Call To Order

*Madison Food Policy Council members: Chris Brockel, Dustin Lundt, Nicholas Leete,
Sarah Larson, Hedi Rudd, Rebecca Kemble, Abha Thakkar, Devika Suri, Arvina Martin,
Benjamin Rush, Alma Horlock, Regina Vidaver, Claire Mance, Jennifer Lam*

*OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, George Reistad, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey,
Francesca Hong, Josh Berkson, Abha Thakkar, Susan Hessel*

Call To Order at 5:04 by MFPC Chair Erica Anderson

Present 7 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL
WARNER, MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, Supervisor JULIE SCHWELLENBACH,
and DANIEL CORNELIUS

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

—No public comment

—MFPC Chair moved up the MFPC Announcements item

Two items for members of both food councils to fill out (sent by email): When2Meet poll for 2021 meetings, and Food Council member evaluation

C. Reports to Committee*—Council Discussion**2021 Healthy Community Food Systems Fund Application**2021 PIE Food Project Grant Application**Food Council Member Evaluation**—City of Madison – George Reistad**Reistad's position will move from Mayor's office to Economic Development Division as of January 1**Public Market Development committee has not met, but continues to pursue grants.**Terminal market project is moving toward the development of a B-Corporation to move the ideas forward.**Truman Olson staff team continues to meet regarding South Park Street development.**County budget included funding for affordable housing component of the project.**Mayors for a Guaranteed Income and other staff projects**—Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman**Cases are trending downward in Dane County for the first time since prior to**Thanksgiving. PHMDC is planning for vaccine distribution. The Dane Food Access Network continues to meet.**—Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins**Dane County – 2021 Food Systems Budget Items total ~\$130,000, and include FairShare CSA Partner Shares, Healthy Food For All, Organic Conversion Pilot Program (carryover), Pollinator Protection Program, Community Gardens/Anderson Farm County Park, Double Dollars, PIE-Food Project Grants, and Dane County Food Council (carryover).**Badger Prairie Needs Network (BPNN) cold storage unit expansion - Dane County put \$320,887 toward BPNN's cold storage unit expansion, which will help BPNN serve as both a short- and long-term perishable food storage hub—critical for the region's food pantry system. BPNN will serve as a drop-point for perishable foods that smaller west-side pantries don't have space to store. Food banks will make fewer trips, saving time and money, and smaller westside pantries can easily restock - increasing the efficiency and responsiveness of the entire emergency food system. The added cooler space will also allow BPNN to permanently expand its service area to include all Dane County households struggling with food insecurity.**2021 Green Thumb Gardening Winter Series (Extension Dane County): January 11th - March 1st, 2021 - Vegetable Gardening Series online, Mondays 6:00-8:00 pm**—Work Groups**1. Food Access, Relief & Economic Support**The FARES work group heard from a community member interested in learning more about how/where/when food carts are operated in the city as they seem like a great way to create community safely outdoors during the pandemic and a low barrier to entry way to allow restaurants or other food businesses an ability to sell their products to customers without delivery/take-out infrastructure. We will have a presentation from Megan Blake-Horst next meeting Monday 12/21 @ 3:00PM if anyone not in the FARES WG would like to join to learn more.**2. Food Systems Recovery & Resilience**Touched based on the Healthy Community Food Systems fund and how the work group*

may play a role in selecting funds for projects. Had a brief discussion on county's budget process and their contributions to food projects within the county. The recent Community Development Block Grant process was an example of how Dane County funding continues to support large institution food projects vs community food projects. There was a brief discussion on the process for joint councils and work groups to host presentations from various players in the food system to understand the needs/barriers for projects that we make funding decisions for. For instance, what local delivery services already exist - is it for businesses or for consumers - what works well and what doesn't. We also spent a lot of time talking about a project for the Food Enterprise Recovery and Resilience work team on how the kitchens of restaurants could operate as shared commercial kitchen spaces for small/scale businesses during COVID-19 (licensing and public health concerns would need to be explored). Lastly talked about rescheduling the work group's monthly meeting for 2021. Moving forward we will also have two work team meetings occurring as the same time in separate zoom rooms. We will meet as a whole group first to go over the agenda and then break out when needed.

Work teams currently include Food Enterprise Recovery and Resilience and Strategic Investment Opportunities (funding).

3. Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty

Met Dec 4. The workgroup was able to break out into work teams in order to create and assign tasks. This includes Access and Control over Land for Growers (land access) and Access and Control over Markets (enhancement of small grower market access). The project planning tool will be used to identify the order of projects.

—Community Gardens

Rooted's Gardens Network Manager has met with the city planner for Fitchburg, who is also coordinating the community garden planning for that city. The transition of Town of Madison gardens to their system should proceed smoothly. Also working with garden registrars to plan for COVID-safe registration in the spring, finalizing changes to the lease with the city of Madison for three gardens that are expanding, working with two youth groups to start gardening projects in the spring, one in the city, one in the town of Madison. In education, we are continuing to set up workshops for the Wisconsin community garden conference, which will be held online Feb 12th and 13th of 2021.

—Madison Metropolitan School District

We are happy to report that from September through November we have served 521,362 meals! We also opened up another site for evening box pick up at Memorial High on Wednesday's from 4:00p – 6:00p to assist families that are unable to make it to our school sites during the day due to work schedules. We have been averaging about 90 boxes weekly.

Over winter break, we will continue to serve the families in our community. We will have limited sites open on 12/22 and 12/29. Sites and serving times are as follows:

10:00 - 11:15 - Mendota, Badger Rock, Toki, Chavez

11:30 - 12:45 - Sandburg, LaFollette, Olson, Midvale

1:00 - 2:15 - East, Kennedy, Memorial, Leopold

—Public Market Development Committee

No report - Dec 2020 meeting was cancelled.

D. Future Meeting Items and Dates

E. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

F. Adjourn / Recess & Reconvene

A motion to recess was made by CATON CAMPBELL, seconded by
SCHWELLENBACH. The motion to recess carried by a voice vote 7-0.

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