



# 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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Tuesday, March 9, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for  
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by  
phone.

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

#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 6 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, BILL WARNER, MARCIA CATON  
CAMPBELL, Supervisor JULIE SCHWELLENBACH, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

**Excused** 1 - SHEENA TESCH

*MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS: Chair Erica Anderson, Vice Chair  
Lindsey Day Farnsworth, Chris Brockel, Jamie Bugel, Alma Horlock, Alder Rebecca  
Kemble, Jenn Lam, Sarah Larson, Nicholas Leete, Dustin Lundt, Alder Arvina Martin,  
Hedi Rudd, Benjamin Rush, Teal Staniforth, Devika Suri, Regina Vidaver*

*OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, George Reistad, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey,  
Kaba Bah, Mariana Coughlin, Amy Bruner Zimmerman*

*6:04pm call to order by MFPC Chair Anderson*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)  
[MIN-487](#)

JOINT FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES 09.FEB.2021

**Attachments:** [2020 MIN-487](#)

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

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

*None.*

**D. Announcements**

*Michael Fields Ag Institute holding a webinar on 3/10/21 on federal grant writing and evaluation.*

*Wisconsin Farmers Union will be holding listening sessions and soliciting feedback on the state budget process.*

**E. Presentations**

*2021 Community Food Access: Competitive Grants Program presentation. George Reistad (City of Madison, Economic Development Division, Business Development Specialist for Food Systems)*

[2020  
PRES-175](#)

[CFA Grants Presentation MFPC](#)

**Attachments:** [2020 PRES-175](#)

[2020  
PRES-176](#)

2021 Funding Recs Memo

**Attachments:** [2020 PRES-176](#)

**F. Reports to Committee***Work Groups**1. Food Access, Relief & Economic Support*

*Held an ad hoc Community Food Access (CFA) Grant Review meeting on Feb 22 with FARES WG members that did not have any conflicts of interest.*

*2. Food Systems Recovery & Resilience*

*Held an ad hoc CFA Grant Review meeting on Feb 24 with FSR2 WG members that did not have any conflicts of interest.*

*3. Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty*

*Met on 2/19 to continue discussion on city and county land for potential ag use or adjustment of ag lease practices. Also had a discussion focused on farm to institution purchasing with guests from Department of Ag & Consumer Protection, REAP Food Group, and UW Center for Integrated Ag Systems. Next meeting is Fri 3/19, 12-1:30pm. Held an ad hoc CFA Grant Review meeting on Feb 26 with RAFS WG members that did not have any conflicts of interest*

*City of Madison — George Reistad*

*Completed deliberations on Community Food Access Grants and Go-oh Groceries Healthy Retail Access Program Grant application. CFA Grants Funding Recommendation: 12 applications for \$150,000. Go-oh Groceries HRAP Proposal Funding Recommendation: Healthy Retail Access Work Group recommends fully funding application for \$125,000.*

*Public Health Madison & Dane County — Nick Heckman*

*The Pavilion at Alliant Energy Center is now handling all PHMDC vaccinations. COVID-19 testing has moved to the Coliseum building.*

*20% of Dane County has received at least one COVID vaccination. 70% of seniors age 65+ have received vaccines. Percent of positive tests in Dane County has dropped to 0.8%.*

*Employer-provided vaccines for public-facing essential workers in the food supply chain will be provided in the coming weeks. For now, all individuals in this group are eligible for vaccines at retail pharmacies (which are taking all Tier 1B eligible groups at once rather than in sequence).*

*Exploring opportunities for FEMA reimbursement to restaurants and food businesses through a recent Biden executive order which makes expenses for hunger prevention a reimbursable expense.*

*Working with school districts to understand Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P—EBT) benefits and how families may benefit from this program, including retroactive payments to low-income families that fed children at home.*

*Dane County — Jess Guffey Calkins*

*2021 Partners in Equity (PIE) Food Project Grants: \$19,500 is available for disbursement (\$5,000 for the <\$2K application category; \$14,500 for the \$2K-\$4K application category). 31 applications were received, requesting a total of \$95,515 (small grant total application request: \$15,824; larger grant total application request: \$73,691). Pending contracts, 9 grants will be awarded: 4 in the small grant category, 5 in the larger grant category.*

*Dane County Food Council is able to fund FairShare Partner Shares program at \$60K in*

2021, as in 2020 (regular yearly funding amount is \$15K).

*Community Gardens*

*Community garden organizers continue to work to ensure everyone can register for a garden plot that wants one, using many different methods of outreach and registration. Gardens Network staff are helping with this and also working with City of Madison staff to update leases to allow for garden expansion. We also finished our first ever Wisconsin-wide community garden conference, in collaboration with garden groups in Green Bay and Milwaukee, which was pretty successful.*

*Madison Metropolitan School District*

*MMSD Food & Nutrition On March 8, MMSD began the phased reopening of schools. We will continue to offer our virtual meal boxes to families that have students not attending school in person. More information can be found on our website at <https://food.madison.k12.wi.us/> MMSD will also have meal boxes available for pickup during spring break on Tuesday, March 30 only.*

*Public Market Development Committee*

*PMDC Meeting on 3/4/21, where members received project updates on: Economic Development Administration application status, Tax Increment Financing Funding, Public Market Design, Madison Public Market Foundation*

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

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

*None.*

## **I. Adjourn / Recess and Reconvene**

**A motion was made by CATON CAMPBELL, seconded by SCHWELLENBACH, that the be adjourned (recess and reconvene). The motion carried 6-0.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval.*