



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?

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

6:15 PM

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

This meeting will start at 6:15 pm or when the Joint Meeting of Dane County Food
Council and Madison Food Policy Council Committee adjourns, whichever is later.

A. Call To Order

Present 6 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL
WARNER, MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

Excused 1 - Supervisor JULIE SCHWELLENBACH

Others present: Jess Guffey Calkins

Call To Order 6:57 by Chair WARNER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-507](#)

DC FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES 09.MAR.2021

Attachments: [2020 MIN-507](#)

A motion was made by RICHARDS, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the
Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, RITT abstained.

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

D. Reports to Committee*2021 PIE Food Project Grants — 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). 9 Grant recipients have been announced: The Flock Independent Supporters Association, Kidlinks Briarpatch Vegetable Garden Project, Wisconsin Heights Community Garden Food Pantry Support, YMCA of Dane County Inc, 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, Bayview Foundation, Goodman Community Center, Slow Food UW, and Yowela Farms. More details on projects funded: <https://www.countyofdane.com/PressDetail/10820>.

Given the conversations at the March food council meetings, and the shift in focus of the Food Access, Relief, & Economic Support workgroup to look at the grant processes and equity, DCFC members plan to engage on that workgroup to include a focus on PIE grants.

Second Harvest Food Bank Dane CARES Program updates — Sheena TESCH

Dane County has agreed to a 12—month, \$10 million contract extension with Second Harvest Foodbank to support local food and produce purchasing through July 2022. They will continue collaborating with a key partner closely connected to area farms: Garden To Be. They're also doing more outreach (with translation) to work with Hmong growers, including holding a Hmong grower informational meeting on April 14. Funding extension announcement: <https://www.countyofdane.com/PressDetail/10825>.

TESCH will reach out to Second Harvest/FarWell to follow up about inviting them to provide a general presentation to the joint food councils. DCFC would like to support the outreach on this project to make sure it goes to all Dane County growers. Some data was received regarding the categories of food purchased.

American Rescue Plan Act funding for food systems — Jess Guffey Calkins

Info was shared with the County Executive's office on the amount of food system funding needed — based on funding requests from the PIE and City Community Food Access (CFA) grants, as well as other current food systems work. The county isn't likely to do a Small Business-Dane Buy Local analogue for food systems projects, and isn't likely to provide money for funding unfunded PIE/CFA projects. Possible steps, moving forward, could be to pull out individual large efforts or group projects together within a similar umbrella. As mentioned in the joint food council meeting,

2022 Budget requests

DCFC will consider proposing an increased amount for PIE Grants. DCFC will consider proposing an increased amount for Partner Shares since it has been increased by large amounts for 2020 and 2021 — will consult with FairShare CSA Coalition. Requests through the Extension budget are needed by June, or budget amendments can be proposed in the fall.

Equity check—in

None

E. Announcements

None.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

DCFC meetings will likely be changing dates, potentially to Wednesdays. More info will be shared to members.

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by TESCH, seconded by RITT, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried 6-0

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