



# 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, May 24, 2023

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman  
Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room  
Moraine attend virtually via Zoom.

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See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public  
testimony.

#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 8 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Vice Chair SHEENA TESCH, Chair BILL WARNER,  
SHIRLEY NENNIG, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, ERICA JANISCH, MARCIA  
CATON CAMPBELL, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

**Excused** 1 - ABHA THAKKAR

*OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, Nan Fey  
YGP Member Josie Capps is excused.*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) 4.26.2023 FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
[MIN-111](#)

**Attachments:** [2023 MIN-111](#)

A motion was made by ANDRAE, seconded by RITT, that the Minutes be  
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

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

**D. Action Items**

*City of Madison Farmland Preservation Task Force – CATON CAMPBELL, Nan Fey  
Final report is available; upcoming presentation to City of Madison Common Council on  
6/6.*

*Information about the Task Force work and report was shared; a discussion followed.*

*ATTACH FILE: City of Madison Task Force on Farmland Preservation FINAL REPORT*

*Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) farmland preservation program – CATON  
CAMPBELL, Nan Fey*

*An explanation was shared about the recommendation (in the City of Madison Farmland  
Preservation Task Force) for a PDR program. This would enable preservation of ag  
land while providing incentives for developers. A discussion was held about how DCFC  
can keep this recommendation in mind under its Land Access focus area.*

[2023  
RPT-119](#)

**TASKFORCE FARMLAND PRESERVATION**

**Attachments:** [2023 RPT-119](#)

**A motion was made by ANDRAE, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the  
Report be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.**

## E. Reports to Committee

### *Regular Business Reports*

#### *- Food Plan – CATON CAMPBELL*

*No report*

#### *- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty – TESCH*

*The last meeting included discussion on the City of Madison Farmland Preservation Task Force and related meetings, local market development updates from REAP Food Group, and updates from Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc. There was also a discussion on transparency in local food purchasing programs.*

#### *- DFAN/Double Dollars – Guffey Calkins*

*Double Dollars Program set to open in Dane County in June. New markets have been added in Verona and Sun Prairie.*

*JANISCH arrived at 6:10pm.*

#### *- Community Gardens – Nicholas Leete via Guffey Calkins*

*Following the dissolution of the Town of Madison, its three community gardens have been absorbed along with it: one (Southdale Community Garden) into the City of Fitchburg system, managed locally and overseen by the Parks department; two into the City of Madison - Fraust Park and Heifetz Park Community Gardens, which have been added to the lease Rooted WI has with the City of Madison for most community gardens on city land.*

*Upcoming event: The Dane County Community Garden Summit will be held June 15, 16th and 17th at three different gardens in Madison, hosted by Rooted WI and UW-Extension Madison. More details and registration information can be found at <https://danegardens.net/conference/>*

#### *- Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice – TESCH*

*Last meeting was in-person in Jackson, MS. One discussion piece was about how to bridge bureaucracy and community. More materials forthcoming.*

#### *- City of Madison Business Development Specialist*

*No report*

#### *- Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins*

*The federal Public Health Emergency came to an end on May 11.*

#### *- Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins*

*Dane Demonstration Farm Network – Dane County Land & Water Resources Department (LWRD) will be establishing a Demonstration Farm Network in Dane County to conduct on-farm research and to facilitate learning opportunities. LWRD will be identifying potential farms through the summer of 2023. Farmers who participate as a demonstration farm are eligible for an incentive payment. If interested in participating, reach out to Kim Meyer at Dane County LWRD at 608-445-1474. Details: <https://www.countyofdane.com/PressDetail/11223>*

*Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include gardening education programs.*

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*Council Discussion**- Pandemic Food System Study – WARNER**Information was shared from the most recent discussions on next steps and fiscal needs related to this study. The subgroup will continue to discuss.**- 2024 Budget Planning process**- 2023 PIE Food Project grant process – NENNIG, JANISCH, RITT**2023 Dane County Partners in Equity (PIE) Food Project Grants – A total of \$20K was awarded to 12 organizations: Kids from Wisconsin, F.O.S.T.E.R. of Dane County, Goodman Community Center, Mission Nutrition DeForest, Padres e Hijos en Acción, Americorps Farm to School Specialists at Oregon School District, Bayview Foundation, Kidlinks, Neighborhood House Community Center, REAP Food Group, The River Food Pantry, and Sunshine Place. Details here:**<https://www.countyofdane.com/PressDetail/11241>**- DCFC Project Teams***F. Announcements***ANDRAE – Dane County Youth Governance Program is currently accepting applications for next school year's program.**<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthgovernanceprogram/>**CORNELIUS – The Great Lakes Midwest Regional Business Center kicked off.**Cornelius is a co-lead for the tribal program; Food Finance Institute is the Wisconsin lead. Related additional award opportunities will be coming.***F. Future Meeting Items and Dates***Next meeting: 6/21 (new June meeting date)**July: new meeting date is 7/19.**Future item (for June or July): Informational presentation on Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc. Hear about the project that the organization is trying to launch, which ties into the Sift report findings.***H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****I. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by NENNIG, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.**

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