



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, April 17, 2024

5:30 PM

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A. Call To Order

Present 7 - CARL CHENOWETH, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair
SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA JANISCH, DANIEL CORNELIUS, and SEBASTIAN
HASSELL

Excused 2 - Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, and ADDI FAERBER

*OTHERS PRESENT: YGP member Aariya Gopal, YGP member Hannah Machleidt,
Jess Guffey Calkins*

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#) 3.20.2024 FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
[MIN-011](#)

Attachments: [2024 MIN-011](#)

A motion was made by NENNIG, 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

Present 6 - CARL CHENOWETH, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair
SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA JANISCH, and SEBASTIAN HASSELL

Excused 3 - Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, DANIEL CORNELIUS, and ADDI FAERBER

D. Reports to Committee*Council Discussion*

- Youth Governance Program project

The YGP project will focus on youth food insecurity and universal school meals, including the Healthy School Meals for All WI (HSM4A WI) Coalition. The project outcome will be a recorded presentation that will be shared with school districts, school boards, and county stakeholders. The goals include spreading awareness, and making recommendations.

Regular Business Reports

- Regional Food Plan (Regional Food System Partnership grant) – WARNER, Guffey Calkins
Planning Community Engagement portion.

- Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc
No report

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty; Community Gardens – Guffey Calkins
Regional Ag & Food Sovereignty (RAFS) meetings are open to all: 2nd Fridays, 1-2:30, zoom.

Farmland Preservation Task Force update:

The Land Banking Policy revisions that Alder Evers negotiated with Matt Mikolajewski of the Economic Development Division were adopted by the Common Council on 3/19. The "Ag Leases" resolution was also passed by the Common Council on 3/19. Parcels will also need to be evaluated using the factors (location, future use and timing) detailed in the Memo to Staff of January 2022, and a more equitable leasing process developed for next year.

The Parks Division is updating its Parks & Open Space Plan for the next 5 years. Public input sessions are scheduled for April 29, May 2 and 9; these sessions are the best opportunities to advocate for "proactive planning for growing space" in "community park" level lands as recommended by the Task Force in its 2023 report. Time and place details are at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/about/parkopenspaceplan.cfm>.

- Food Access; Double Dollars Program – Guffey Calkins, NENNIG
2024 market season anticipated to begin in June. There was a discussion around looking into the possibility of the Fitchburg Farmers Market accepting Double Dollars. DCFC will return to this discussion at the next meeting.

- City of Madison Business Development Specialist
No report

- Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins
No report

- Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins
Join for one or all of the Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystems Development Initiative (FEED) Webinars! These are organized by the UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Program. The FEED webinars are no-cost virtual workshops for small-scale food and farming business start-ups during Mondays in April: from April 1st to April 29th, 2-3pm. More information is on the FEED Webinars webpage: <https://foodsystems.extension.wisc.edu/2024-webinar-series/>

*Council Discussion**- PIE Grants*

2024 Dane County Partners in Equity (PIE) Food Project Grants – A total of \$41K was awarded to 15 organizations: Centro Hispano of Dane County, Dane County Food Collective, Eastmorland Community Center, East Madison Community Center, Herzing University, Madison Public Schools Foundation, Purpose Grown Project, Verona Downtown Farmers Market, Bayview Foundation, Elver Park Neighborhood, Fairshare CSA Coalition, Freedom Inc, Madison Children's Museum, River Food Pantry, and WayForward Resources. Details here: <https://www.danecounty.gov/PressDetail/11393/1>

The PIE Review team members shared details about the PIE review process and projects. The review team will meet to further debrief the review process on 5/1.

- Action Plan subgroup creation and tracking

There was a discussion about the subgroups mentioned in the Action Plan. A survey will go to DCFC members to determine where the highest interest areas are; those will be focused on first.

E. Announcements**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

Next meeting: 5/22/2024 – will start early at 5:15pm.
Attending in-person: Bill, Carl

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**H. Adjourn**

A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by JANISCH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval