



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, July 8, 2020

5:30 PM

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JOINT MEETING OF DANE COUNTY FOOD COUNCIL AND MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

The July 8th Dane County Food Council meeting is being held remotely. The public can access the meeting by calling the number below. Once prompted, enter in the access code and you will be connected to the meeting.

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Registrations will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting. Staff will then call you into the meeting when the item is before the committee.

A. Call To Order

Others Present: Jess Guffey Calkins, Claire Mance, George Reistad, Nan Fey, Jennifer Lam, Benjamin Rush, Jamie Bugel, Dustin Lundt, Allison Dopf, Erica Anderson, Regina Vidaver, Chris Brockel, Daniel Zhou, Teal Staniforth, Aaron Kelly, Arvina Martin, Devika Suri, Sarah Larson, Jumokey Falomo, Lindsey Day Farnsworth, Nicole Hudzinski

Present 8 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL WARNER, MARCIA KASIETA, MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, Supervisor JULIE SCHWELLENBACH, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

Excused 1 - CHRISTINE AMEIGH

--Welcome to new members Supervisor Julie Schwellenbach and Daniel Cornelius

--Thank you to Supervisor Carl Chenoweth for his service

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

C. Consideration of Minutes

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Chair Warner announced that the consideration of minutes item will be moved up in the agenda.

A motion was made by KASIETA, seconded by RICHARDS, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Action Items

Election of Officers: Chair

A motion was made by KASIETA to nominate WARNER for Chair seconded by RICHARDS. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers: Vice Chair

A motion was made by KASIETA to nominate TESCH for Vice Chair seconded by RICHARDS. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Reports to Committee

—Council Discussion and Possible Action on COVID-19 Structure – Approval of Work Group Charters

Staff provided an overview of each of the four work group charters. Council members engaged in a robust discussion to clarify and refine these charters, as well as identify any missing pieces.

- 1. Pandemic Food Access*
- 2. Food Relief*
- 3. Food Recovery and Resilience*
- 4. Ag and Food Sovereignty*

Madison Food Policy Council Chair Anderson announced that the Extension Dane County report will be moved up in the agenda.

—Extension Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins

Six million dollars of Federal CARES funding is going to Second Harvest, who is working with local growers/producers to source local food for Dane County food pantry clients. Extension is serving as a liaison with Second Harvest to facilitate connections to local growers/producers.

Extension is working with other partners (nonprofits, DATCP) to identify growers who've had barriers participating in the new alternative markets currently available, especially Hmong growers, and help engage them in sales outlets.

Edible Startup Summit - planning is underway; two-day virtual format. November 2020 (exact dates to be finalized).

—City of Madison Food Policy Director – George Reistad

Intern Daniel Zhou shared findings about municipal/local food policies addressing pandemic food system effects that could be instructive for Madison and Dane County.

—Public Health Madison & Dane Co – Nick Heckman (shared by George Reistad)

Recent weeks have seen a huge increase in testing at the Alliant Energy Center. Racial demographics at that site have been predominantly non-Hispanic/Latinx and white-identifying individuals. In order to bring COVID-19 testing to other segments of the population, PHMDC has been setting up community testing sites throughout Madison.

Increases in testing have also helped identify significant increases in cases.

Unfortunately this increase is due to forces beyond simply testing increases; our "percent positivity" over the last two week period crept up from 2% to over 5.5%. The Forward Dane metrics for percent positivity, lab timeliness, and contact tracing all moved in the wrong direction, solidifying that we will not be moving to Phase 3 in the near future. On the other hand, the metric for "community spread" did improve, which is a testament to the fact that more individuals are identifying their sources of exposure, which will assist contact tracing efforts. As a response to this surge, PHMDC has released further health orders: once again restricting services in bars and restaurants and also requiring that all people in Dane County (above age 5) wear masks when in enclosed public spaces and not around members of their household unit.

Finally, last week saw the release of DATCP's first round of Food Security Network Support funding. \$5 million will be awarded to programs seeking to enhance capacity in

the emergency food and access to healthy and affordable food access systems. An additional \$10 million RFP will be released at a later date.

F. Announcements

None

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting – date is not yet set.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by SCHWELLENBACH, seconded by RICHARDS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

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