



# 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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Monday, September 14, 2020

5:00 PM

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

The September 14th Dane County Food Council meeting is being held remotely.

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Staff will then call you into the meeting when the item is before the committee.

### A. Call To Order

*Others Present: Presenters: Abha Thakkar, Kyle Lee, Cynthia Lee, Martee Mikalson;  
Madison Food Policy Council Members: Claire Mance, George Reistad, Nan Fey, Jennifer  
Lam, Benjamin Rush, Jamie Bugel, Dustin Lundt, Erica Anderson, Regina Vidaver, Chris  
Brockel, Teal Staniforth, Devika Suri, Lindsey Day Farnsworth, Nick Heckman, Hedi  
Rudd, Max Prestigiacomo, Nicholas Leete*

**Present** 5 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL  
WARNER, and MARCIA KASIETA

**Excused** 4 - CHRISTINE AMEIGH, MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, Supervisor JULIE SCHWELLENBACH, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

## **B. Consideration of Minutes**

[2020](#) FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES 19.AUG.2020  
[MIN-146](#)

**Attachments:** [2020 MIN-146](#)

A motion was made by KASIETA, seconded by RICHARDS, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

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

*None*

## **D. Presentations**

*FEED to Go initiative presentation – FEED Kitchens & Northside Planning Council representatives  
Presentation was referred to Oct 5 meeting.*

**E. Reports to Committee**

—City of Madison Food Policy Director – George Reistad

*Staff have begun to brainstorm the creation of a “Healthy Community Food Systems Fund” using past year (FY18) Healthy Retail Access Program budget allocation. This is in-line with a directive from Mayor Rhodes-Conway to provide funding for community-based food systems efforts. The program outline, scope, funding mechanisms and amount are still being discussed. Staff would like to present a draft of the program to individual work groups for reaction/comment and then provide a proposal for program creation to the full MFPC-DCFC, most likely at the November 2020 meeting.*

*Continuing to convene the MFPC-DCFC Steering Team weekly to discuss administrative and logistics issues related to the ongoing meetings of the MFPC-DCFC.*

*Continuing to convene the Madison Terminal Market Local Team to continue seeking external funding for a pop-up terminal facility and/or a permanent terminal market facility as well as continuing to explore ways to decrease the inefficiencies of last mile distribution for local farmers, small retailers, and emergency food providers.*

*Participating on an internal staff team – “Economy and Culture Recovery Team” that meets weekly and focuses on economic recovery ideas and solutions within the City.*

*Participating as a member of the staff component of the Truman Olson Steering Team, which has started meeting again to discuss progress and issues related to the grocery store, affordable housing, and street reconstruction happening at the Truman Olson site on South Park Street. Keeping in contact with Mariam and her design team as she continues to work on and make decisions for the larger Park Street store. Steering Team is meeting tonight (9/14) @ 630PM.*

*Reistad has engaged as the mayoral staffer for the “Mayors for a Guaranteed Income” coalition, which Madison – along with other cities like Stockton, CA; Atlanta; Los Angeles; Newark; and Pittsburgh – are a part of. We are looking at ways Madison can be supportive to the goals of the coalition, which are to promote and support programs and policies that establish a guaranteed minimum income.*

—Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman

*There have been dramatic COVID-19 spikes in Madison following the UW reopening, with upwards of 60% of new cases being affiliated with the University. Average daily cases has more than doubled from the previous period. UW-Madison has now taken steps to quarantine student housing and certain off-campus housing areas. The increases in cases have led to longer wait times at test sites and test results. Targets for reopening school grades 3-12 have not been met, however the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction over PHMDC’s order to require virtual learning for grades 3-12.*

—Extension Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins

*Registration is live for the virtual 2020 Edible Startup Summit - Mon Nov 9 & Tues Nov 10. Language interpretation is available. More details will be added soon at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/ediblestartup/>.*

*Free webinars and consulting on navigating your restaurant through covid-19 will be offered through the UW-Madison Extension Community Economic Development Program & the WI Small Business Development Center Network. The next webinar session is Tues, Sept 15, 9:30am. Registration and details are at <https://wisconsinsbdc.org/restaurants/>.*

*The newly created Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity will seek to find solutions to the challenges facing rural communities in Wisconsin. The commission's last virtual public forums is on Sept. 16. Residents can submit online comments to the commission through Sept. 30 at <https://wedc.org/rural-prosperity/>. Commission members are available for virtual meetings with rural organizations, businesses and other stakeholders.*

*DCFC is exploring avenues for possible county funding for the "Healthy Communities Food Systems Fund" to be able to support county initiatives.*

*—Council Discussion*

*1. Food Systems Recovery and Resilience – Donale Richards*

*An example of project: reallocation of HRAP funds to workgroups and determine process to distribute funds in equitable way*

*Long-term funding mechanisms from the City and County - this may be a potential sub-work group to explore how to influence municipal budgets with food systems projects*

*Understanding the community needs:*

- Work with other organizations to develop a comprehensive list of existing resources*
- For food-grade, commercial facilities - we may want to have a brief presentation from FEED Kitchens to identify some issues and potential solutions*

*2. Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty – Sheena Tesch*

*The regional agriculture and food sovereignty work group met last Friday. We revisited proposed projects and shared our knowledge regarding existing work and resources for each project. We will use this list to guide our work and point us to the projects where we may have the most impact.*

*3. Food Access, Relief & Economic Support – Jamie Bugel*

*Work Group has established 3rd Mondays of the month at 3p as a standing meeting day and has not met since before the last MFPC-DCFC meeting on August 18th. The next meeting of the WG will be on Monday 9/21.*

## **F. Announcements**

*None*

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

*Remote meeting, Monday, October 5, 2020 at 5pm*

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

*None*

**I. Adjourn**

*Adjourned at 6:30 pm*

A motion was made by WARNER, seconded by TESCH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

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