



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, February 9, 2021

6:00 PM

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

Joint Meeting of Dane County Food Council and Madison Food Policy Council

A. Call To Order

Present 7 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL WARNER, MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, Supervisor JULIE SCHWELLENBACH, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS: Chair Erica Anderson, Vice Chair Lindsey Day Farnsworth, Dustin Lundt, Nicholas Leete, Sarah Larson, Hedi Rudd, Alder Rebecca Kemble, Devika Suri, Benjamin Rush, Alma Horlock, Teal Evans, Jennifer Lam, Jamie Bugel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, George Reistad, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey, Susan Hessel, Amy Adler

6:02 call to order – MFPC Chair Anderson

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020
MIN-403](#)

JOINT FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES 12.JAN.2021

Attachments: [2020 MIN-403](#)

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

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

D. Presentations

Anderson Farm County Park project presentation – Sheena TESCH (Rooted, Dane County Food Council Vice-Chair)

After the presentation, council members asked questions and discussed the presentation information.

[2020
PRES-148](#)

Anderson Farm Project

Attachments: [2020 PRES-148.pdf](#)

E. Reports to Committee

Work Groups

1. Food Access, Relief & Economic Support

Hasn't met again yet, no report.

2. Food Systems Recovery & Resilience

Hasn't met again yet. Warner is now the lead chair; will send an email with future direction and meeting plan around regional food systems plan preparations.

3. Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty

Met January 15. Broke out into two project groups (land access & market access); streamlined next tasks. The land group is inviting Farm to Institution leaders to the next meeting on Feb 19. Market group: Nan reached out to city-owned land staff regarding ag land to lease.

City of Madison — George Reistad

1. Community Food Access Grants closed on Friday 1/29 at 5p. Staff received 43 applications requesting \$834,485 (from a \$150,000 funding pot). Because of the volume of applications, staff established seven two-person review teams consisting of Madison Food Policy Council members and community experts to offer initial evaluation of the proposals. Work Group Chairs are meeting with staff tomorrow morning to discuss a process of deliberation of the proposals received at the February work group meetings. Work Group meetings regarding grants discussions will be held the week of February 22nd. Grants will be approved at the 3/9 food council meeting.

2. There is interest from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in the Madison Public Market project and favorable comments were received on the proposal we submitted on October 15. A collaborative team consisting of City staff, Madison Public Market Foundation board members, and ACDS, LLC are working to provide more information to EDA staff on the City's EDA application for the Madison Public Market. That team will continue to provide updates to the Public Market Development Committee and this group as more is learned about the funding status of the project in the coming weeks.

3. The Terminal Market project is in a position of determining a route forward. Right now, Local Team members are in the process of figuring out our next steps and that seems to be revolving around exploring how to get the issue of local/regional aggregation and distribution on the radar of folks working on ag issues at the state level and higher (DATCP, etc).

Public Health Madison & Dane County — Nick Heckman

1. Dane County's COVID-19 situation has dramatically improved in the last month. Now under 1.9% positive tests. Meanwhile, over 11% of Dane County residents including 35% of seniors over age 65 have now been vaccinated. Unfortunately, Dane County continues to not receive the amount of vaccine that it is requesting.

2. PHMDC has released Emergency Order #13, which furthers a step-wise re-opening process by increasing gathering limits indoors and outside. Sports are now allowed, although masks are required if sports are indoors or social distancing cannot be kept.

Dane County — Jess Guffey Calkins

1. 29 applications received for the 2021 Dane County PIE Food Project grants requesting over \$84K. Review will happen over the next few weeks; awardees will be announced in March through the Office of Equity and Inclusion.

Community Gardens

1. Helping run the Wisconsin Community Garden conference this weekend (Feb 12th and 13th). Continuing to work with garden organizers to do a more Covid—safe registration and coordinating with a few different community groups on garden creation and expansion.

Madison Metropolitan School District

1. On February 1, we made a change to our meal boxes. We moved from five days of breakfast and lunch in each meal box to seven days to better meet the needs of our community. The box stayed the same size, but we now freeze the meal box to help preserve freshness of the meals. Families now receive an additional bag that contains fresh produce. We also started another neighborhood route for box distribution, with continued partnership from Badger Bus in assisting transporting meals. On Friday's we are at the Boys & Girls Club on Allied Drive from 10:40-11:10 and at Reach Dane from 11:15-11:45. In the two weeks we have had these sites, we have averaged 1260 meals.

*Public Market Development Committee
No update.*

*Council Discussion
No council discussion was held.*

F. Announcements

None.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjourn/Recess and Reconvene

A motion was made by CATON CAMPBELL, seconded by SCHWELLENBACH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried 7-0.

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