



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, May 11, 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** 6 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL WARNER, MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, and DANIEL CORNELIUS
- Excused** 1 - Supervisor JULIE SCHWELLENBACH

Others present: Jess Guffey Calkins, George Reistad, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey, Josset Gauley

Madison Food Policy Council members: Chair Erica Anderson, Vice Chair Lindsey Day Farnsworth, Chris Brockel, Jamie Bugel, Alder Yanette Figueroa Cole, Alma Horlock, Rebecca Kemble, Jenn Lam, Sarah Larson, Nicholas Leete, Hedi Rudd, Teal Evans, Devika Suri, Alder Regina Vidaver

6:04pm call to order by MFPC Chair Anderson

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) JOINT FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES 09.MAR.2021
[MIN-508](#)

Attachments: [2020 MIN-508](#)

A motion was made by CORNELIUS, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by 6-0.

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

D. Announcements

Silverwood County Park will be hosting three workshops on planting, harvesting, and more — in June, Aug. 15, & Sept. More info and flyers will come soon. Contact Dan for more details at Daniel.cornelius@gmail.com.

E. Presentations

DCFC—MFPC Project Scoping Tool Overview — Nan Fey, Madison Food Policy Council Advisor

[2021
PRES-051](#) MFPC-DCFC TOOLS UPDATE PRESENTATION NEF 05-10-21 W. LINKS

Attachments: [2021 PRES-051](#)

[2021
PRES-052](#) COM RESJ FAST-TRACK TOOL

Attachments: [2021 PRES-052](#)

[2021
PRES-053](#) MFPC-PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER 2020

Attachments: [2021 PRES-053](#)

[2021
PRES-054](#) MFPC-DCFC WORK GROUP SUPPORT TOOLS

Attachments: [2021 PRES-054](#)

[2021
PRES-057](#) WORK GROUP PROJECT SCOPING TOOL_FINAL_MARCH 2021

Attachments: [2021 PRES-057](#)

[2021
PRES-055](#) MFPC-DCFC WORK GROUP CHARTER_FINAL 2020

Attachments: [MFPC-DCFC Work Group Charter FINAL 2020](#)

[2021
PRES-056](#) MFPC-DCFC WORK GROUP POLICY MEMO GUIDANCE 2021

Attachments: [2021 PRES-056](#)

F. Reports to Committee

Work Groups

1. Food Access, Relief & Economic Support

The FARES WG will focus on grants evaluation to identify if our processes for SEED grants (or whatever iteration the grant program(s) take in the future) are setting grant recipients up for success. If anyone on other WGs would like to join in, please let Co—Chairs Jamie Bugel and Teal Evans know.

2. Food Plan

Rebuilding Stronger Than Before: Food Assessment Study Proposal submitted to the County Executive

—Requests \$100,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding for an urgently needed, time-sensitive study to assess the strengths, weaknesses, gaps, and opportunities in Dane County's food system and supply chain revealed by COVID19 pandemic disruptions.

—Gather community input from all food system sectors (including farmers, processors, distributors, retailers, restaurants, caterers, senior meal providers, emergency food outlets) about the effects of the pandemic on the Dane County food system.

—Identify opportunities to increase the functionality of local supply chains, improve food access, help the community recover from the pandemic, and prepare for any future emergency conditions.

— In line with President Biden's Executive Order on America's Supply Chains: "[t]he United States needs resilient, diverse, and secure supply chains to ensure our economic prosperity and national security"; specifically calls for an examination of food supply chains.

— Study findings will inform Dane County food systems policy and planning decisions and actions.

3. Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty

Will be working on addressing City ag leases for 2022. Members from REAP Food Group are participating – helping examine institutional purchasing.

City of Madison — George Reistad

Madison Public Market (MPM)

- Working to finalize and submit the responses to the EDA's inquiries on 5/18 (\$3.45m)
- Finalizing an "MPM 101" document that outlines the background, history, and current status of the MPM project as well as making the case for how it embodies equity in action re: economic development and working with diverse food systems entrepreneurs in the City

Go—oh Groceries

- Go—oh Groceries owners (Kaba Bah and Jerreh Kujabi) officially closed on building @ 3554 E Wash on Monday May 3rd
- The project used \$125,000 in HRAP funding, \$195,000 in Commercial Ownership Assistance Program funding, and the remainder in owner equity to acquire the building
- Mike Miller and Reistad were able to meet with Kaba and Jerreh on the date of closing and tour the building with a Cap Times photojournalist

ARPA funds and assistance to small businesses

- Econ Dev Division — Office of Business Resources continues to stay abreast of policy and funding guidance coming down from the treasury re: American Rescue Plan Act funds and how funds can be used to support local, small businesses. The National

League of Cities has created a great searchable summary tool of ARPA provisions for people who are interested:
<https://www.nlc.org/resource/american-rescue-plan-act-of-2021-summary-of-provisions/>

Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI)

- Reistad serving as a City staffer for the Madison Guaranteed Income Pilot
- In addition to the \$600k received from MGI, the City of Madison has received over \$300k in pledges from local donors to support the work of the Madison Guaranteed Income Pilot
- Our staff team is continuing to fundraise and Reistad will be co-staffing the Madison Guaranteed Income Pilot —Advisory Task Force with Nancy Saiz in the coming weeks

Public Health Madison & Dane County — Nick Heckman

COVID-19 cases continue to hold steady. UW Madison is reducing quantity of on-campus testing as the semester winds down. Vaccination rates in Dane County are the highest in the state with over 60% of people having received at least one dose at this time. Unfortunately, vaccination demand has declined significantly in recent weeks. In response to fewer changes in the public health arena, the Dane Food Access Network is moving calls to twice—monthly.

Dane County — Jess Guffey Calkins

2021 Partners in Equity (PIE) Food Project Grants: \$19,500 is available for disbursement (\$5,000 for the <\$2K application category; \$14,500 for the \$2K-\$4K application category). 31 applications were received, requesting a total of \$95,515 (small grant total application request: \$15,824; larger grant total application request: \$73,691). 9 Grant recipients have been announced: The Flock Independent Supporters Association, Kidlinks Briarpatch Vegetable Garden Project, Wisconsin Heights Community Garden Food Pantry Support, YMCA of Dane County Inc, 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, Bayview Foundation, Goodman Community Center, Slow Food UW, and Yowela Farms. More details on projects funded: <https://www.countyofdane.com/PressDetail/10820>.

Dane County has agreed to a 12-month, \$10 million contract extension with Second Harvest Foodbank to support local food and produce purchasing through July 2022. They will continue collaborating with a key partner closely connected to area farms: Garden To Be. They're also doing more outreach (with translation) to work with Hmong growers, including holding a Hmong grower informational meeting on April 14. Funding extension announcement: <https://www.countyofdane.com/PressDetail/10825>.

Community Gardens — Nicholas Leete

Community gardens have mostly finished their registration for the spring, we are working on distributing the gardens network microgrant, and a few different community garden projects are starting, in apartment complexes on the north side of Madison and in the Heifetz Park in the town of Madison. Community gardens are starting outdoor workdays and planning for workshops and other education plans in anticipation of changes in COVID regulations.

Madison Metropolitan School District — Dustin Lundt

With the continued reopening of schools, starting April 19 we will have a new box distribution schedule for families. On Mondays we will be at 15 different sites across Madison and will be keeping our Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening pickup sites the same. We will be offering three different meal box options:

- 7 day meal box for students learning virtually
- 5 day meal box for middle and high school students attending in person
- 3 day meal box for elementary students attending in person

*Full schedule and more information can be found on our website at
<https://food.madison.k12.wi.us/>*

*Public Market Development Committee
Information was shared in the City of Madison update.*

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjourn / Recess & Reconvene

A motion was made by RITT, seconded by CATON CAMPBELL, that the meeting be adjourned, recessed & reconvened. The motion carried 6-0.

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