



# 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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Wednesday, September 29, 2021

5:30 PM

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

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### 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, DANIEL CORNELIUS, SHIRLEY NENNIG, and ABHA THAKKAR

**Excused** 1 - MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL

*MFPC Chair Anderson called to order at 5:36pm.*

*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, Sarah Larson, Nicholas Leete, Kirsten Moore, Laura Scandurra,  
Devika Suri, Alder Regina Vidaver*

*OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, George Reistad, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey,  
Michelle Orge, Blake Harley*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) MINUTES 08.18.2021

[MIN-301](#)

**Attachments:** [2021 MIN-301](#)

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

#### D. Announcements

#### E. Presentation

[2021](#)  
[PRES-165](#)

## SHFB FOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION FINAL

**Attachments:** [2021 PRES-165](#)

*Michelle Orge, President & CEO, Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin - DANE CARES Program: A Review in How Connecting Nutritious Food to the Community can also Benefit the Local Economy*  
*The presentation was followed by a question and answer period.*

[2021](#)  
[PRES-164](#)REINVIGORATING THE ROLE OF THE MFPC AND DCFC IN  
ANALYZING 092921

**Attachments:** [2021 PRES-164](#)

*Reinvigorating the Role of the MFPC and DCFC in Analyzing, Revising, and Recommending Ordinances and Other Legislation - Rebecca Kemble/Nan Fey*  
*A discussion was held. The Food Plan work group and Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty work groups will have further discussions at their next meetings.*

## F. Reports to Committee

### *Work Group Reports*

- Food Access, Relief & Economic Support – Nick Heckman

*The group is working to identify recommendations to the grantmaking group leads.*

- Food Plan – Bill Warner

*The group is waiting on funding updates.*

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty – Nan Fey

*The group is focused on the ag lease memo work.*

### *Staff Reports*

- City of Madison – George Reistad

#### *Madison Public Market*

- Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant has been submitted; still waiting for a decision as it winds its way through their construction, environmental, and legal teams for review

- Beginning the sign design process and working with purchasing to put together a request for quote/proposal

#### *HRAP Eval Project*

- Continuing to meet as a core team weekly

- Did first round of store owner interviews; UW-Madison Extension staff are now analyzing the data and preparing for round 2 interviews

#### *Mayors for a Guaranteed Income*

- City Staff Core Team continues to meet weekly

- o Project is progressing and is on the cusp of hiring a program manager and local research fellow through UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP).

- Task Force Core team also meets weekly

- o Advisory Task Force continues to meet monthly and provide input on research domains, hiring preferences/requirements, and program implementation strategies

#### *2022 Operating Budget*

- The Mayor's operating budget will be released next Tuesday 10/5

- Double Dollars Program, Garden Network, SEED grants are all likely safe/level funding

- o One thing for this group to be aware of is the status of the MFPC operating budget

- o Because of Reistad's move to Economic Development Division (EDD), this budget may be reduced or eliminated in the 2022 budget

- Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman

*Heckman delivered updates on the prevailing COVID-19 situation for Dane County.*

*"Third dose" boosters have now been authorized for some groups who have been fully vaccinated for six months. This would include food and agriculture workers as well as grocery workers. From Department of Human Services (DHS): For additional information about booster doses, additional doses, and help accessing your COVID-19 vaccine record to determine when you may be recommended for a booster, visit the DHS Additional Doses and Booster Doses webpage.*

*Dane Food Access Network met on 9/23 with Linette Rhodes from Madison Community Development Division. Linette shared insight into the City's initiatives to support unsheltered community members and individuals at the Reindahl Park encampment.*

- Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins

*The 2021 Edible Startup Summit event is cancelled. Extension is looking to connect with and share information about other upcoming food entrepreneurship education and networking events. Please contact Jess if you would like to connect about supporting*

*food entrepreneurship in Dane County.*

*Regular Business Reports*

*- Community Gardens*

*Community garden organizers along with Rooted staff are working on preparing gardens for fall and winter, including winterizing water systems and cleaning up, planting vacant plots to cover crops so that they are ready for new gardeners in the spring. Rooted staff continue to work on finding alternate land for displaced community farmers in McFarland, and are exploring the possibility of a pilot community composting program at a garden to be determined, in the city of Madison.*

*- Madison Metropolitan School District*

*The MMSD school year started on 9/2. Last spring, the USDA extended the waiver that all students enrolled in school have access to free breakfast and lunch every day for the entire school year.*

*MMSD is also providing meal pickup for the students enrolled in virtual learning for the school year. We currently offer a 5-day meal box and milk pickup at the following locations, every Monday from 2:00pm-4:00pm: LaFollette High – loading dock behind school (take the driveway for Sennett Middle School and go through the parking lots behind both schools), Memorial High – Door #6.*

*Additionally, we have experienced along with the rest of the food industry, manufacturing shortages. Our primary distributor, Gordon Food Service (GFS), first reported observing inventory and supply chain issues caused by material shortages, increased demand for select products, and workforce challenges in late August. Deliveries are received for GFS three days per week at our Production Center and shortages totaling hundreds of cases of product are observed with each delivery. We are continuing to partner with numerous vendors to try to always have our bases covered and solidified backup plans, to ensure that we will feed any students looking for breakfast and/or lunch each school day.*

*- Double Dollars Program – Alma Horlock*

*Will wrap up distributing Double Dollars at markets Oct 31 (some markets will close before then). Will soon start distributing at Willy Street Co-op.*

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

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

## **I. Adjourn / Recess & Reconvene**

**A motion was made by WARNER, seconded by THAKKAR, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

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