



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, February 28, 2024

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman
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A. Call To Order

- Present** 7 - CARL CHENOWETH, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, and ADDI FAERBER
- Absent** 2 - ERICA JANISCH, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

OTHERS PRESENT: YGP member Aariya Gopal, Jess Guffey Calkins

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) 1.24.2024 FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
[MIN-524](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-524](#)

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

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

D. Reports to Committee

Regular Business Reports

- *Regional Food Plan (Regional Food System Partnership grant) – WARNER, Guffey Calkins*

RFSP/Food Plan project is in early planning phases. Project manager is Noah Bloedorn at REAP. Bill and Jess are involved on the core team, and will provide regular updates to DCFC, as well as share information about input/feedback opportunities.

- *Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc – Guffey Calkins*

WFS is submitting a proposal to expand digital infrastructure for food buying; this builds on previous Agricultural and Community Development Services (ACDS) reports.

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty; Community Gardens – Guffey Calkins*
Regional Ag & Food Sovereignty (RAFS) meetings are open to all: 2nd Fridays, 1-2:30, zoom. The current effort is recommending that the Olbrich North Parcel park development process include community gardens.

- *Food Access; Double Dollars Program – ANDRAE, Guffey Calkins*

The State Assembly has passed a Nutrition Incentive Bill package by a margin of 96-2. The State Senate session for this will be mid-March. DCFC discussed a plan to develop a DCFC Letter of Support.

JANISCH joined at 5:41 pm.

- Present** 8 - CARL CHENOWETH, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, ERICA JANISCH, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, and ADDI FAERBER
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- City of Madison Business Development Specialist
No report

- Public Health Madison & Dane County
No report

- Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins
Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables was awarded a \$400,000 federal grant to expand composting availability with food waste drop-off kiosks. Dane County will be partnering with the City of Madison and other municipalities in this effort. Also included in the grant opportunity is funding to increase education and outreach to local municipalities, businesses, and organizations to develop food waste solutions. <https://www.countyofdane.com/PressDetail/11367/1>
DCFC discussed connecting with Dane County Waste & Renewables to request a presentation about this initiative.

Council Discussion

- PIE Grants
Nineteen PIE grant applications were received. Review team will review them over the next few weeks, and will finalize grant decisions at the end of March.

- DCFC Action Plan / Focus area teams
The Action Plan team shared information on Action Plan development thus far and asked for input from DCFC. The team will develop a more finalized version for the 3.20.24 DCFC meeting.

- Better Food Policy Fund grant application
DCFC and MFPC are co-applying for a Better Food Policy Fund Grant. If selected, the food councils would receive \$60K in unrestricted funding. Council members are asked to share their demographic information, if comfortable, to include in the application.

E. Announcements

Gopal: the Youth Governance Program students plan to work on a collaborative project focused on food insecurity in Dane County. They are currently researching different possibilities on what to focus on for this project.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: 3/20/2024.

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by NENNIG, seconded by JANISCH, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval