



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, April 16, 2025

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman
Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting
Room Moraine (C); attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair WARNER called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

Present 6 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, ADDI
FAERBER, JAY BROWER, and KERRY MARREN

Excused 3 - ERICA JANISCH, DANIEL CORNELIUS, and SEBASTIAN HASSELL

Attended by Zoom: WARNER, MARREN, BROWER, NENNIG, HASSELL, JANISCH

Others Present: YGP member Radhika Gupta, Jess Guffey Calkins

B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by FAERBER, seconded by NENNIG, to approve the minutes.
All in favor, motion carries (6-0).

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C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

6:06 HASSELL joined

Present 7 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG,
SEBASTIAN HASSELL, ADDI FAERBER, JAY BROWER, and KERRY MARREN

Excused 2 - ERICA JANISCH, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

D. Reports to Committee*Regular Business Reports*

- Dane County Food Action Plan – WARNER, Guffey Calkins

Project website: <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/dane-county-food-action-plan/>.

Consumer survey can be taken and shared: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q27L2CL>.

Community engagement focus groups are being organized - DCFC encouraged to attend;
will work on sharing a list of dates.

6:09 JANISCH joined

Present 8 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA JANISCH, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, ADDI FAERBER, JAY BROWER, and KERRY MARREN

Excused 1 - DANIEL CORNELIUS

D. Reports to Committee

- Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc - CORNELIUS

No report

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty; Community Gardens – Nicholas Leete via Guffey Calkins

RAFS – After a few months off, we've settled on a regular meeting time of first Wednesdays of the month at 3 PM. Projects we're hoping to work on are leases on city-owned land, potential community garden and other growing space expansion, high tunnel permitting, and putting together recommendations for the parks and open space plan and other area planning processes.

- Food Access; Double Dollars Program – Guffey Calkins

Double Dollars will be available at participating Dane County farmers markets from run June 1 – Oct 31.

- Public Health Madison & Dane County; City of Madison Business Development – Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins

None

- Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins

Additional upcoming educational events are listed on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website: <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>.

DCFC Action Plan reports

- Policy – Guffey Calkins

Discussed information gathered about park land agriculture usage. Will meet again in May.

- Food Access and Equity (PIE) - JANISCH

Had a meeting to debrief the PIE grant process, and talk through ways to improve the application and process.

Dane County received 34 applications for the 2025 Partners in Equity (PIE) Food Project grants: <https://equity.countyofdane.com/grants/PIE-food>. The total amount requested was over \$126,000. The total funding to be granted is \$40,000.

- Community Engagement - WARNER

We plan to mobilize people for Food Action Plan engagement sessions. We plan to compile points of contact for Dane County municipalities.

- Organizational Capacity

No report

- Food System Resource Recommendations

No report

Council Discussion

- PIE grant applicant follow-up

A discussion was held about following up with PIE grant applicants who said they'd like help getting connected to partners and resources.

BROWER and MARREN left at 6:58.

- Present** 6 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA JANISCH, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, and ADDI FAERBER
- Excused** 3 - DANIEL CORNELIUS, JAY BROWER, and KERRY MARREN

E. Announcements

FAERBER – Farm Fresh Atlas 2025 is printed and will be distributed. Distributing at an NFL draft event in Green Bay. Mid-May: Atlas Launch party.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Next meeting is 5/21/25. Starting at *5:30pm* (then back to 6pm start in June).*

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by HASSELL, seconded by CHENOWETH, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carries (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

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