



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, August 23, 2023

5:30 PM

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

A. Call To Order

- Present** 6 - Chair BILL WARNER, SHIRLEY NENNIG, ABHA THAKKAR, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, ERICA JANISCH, and DANIEL CORNELIUS
- Excused** 3 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Vice Chair SHEENA TESCH, and MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL

OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#)
[MIN-236](#)

7.19.2023 FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Attachments: [2023 MIN-236](#)

A motion was made by JANISCH, seconded by ANDRAE, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote (4-0-1).

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

D. Action Items

Budget proposal

A discussion was held about budget proposal possibilities.

CORNELIUS joined at 5:47pm.

A motion was made by ANDRAE, seconded by NENNIG, that the council leadership be authorized to pursue a single full time equivalent position for food systems work staffing in public health be approved. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

E. Reports to Committee

Regular Business Reports

- Food Plan

No report

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty

No report

*- Madison Farmland Preservation Task Force – Nan Fey via Guffey Calkins
Comprehensive Plan Interim Update draft revisions were posted to the City of Madison’s
website on August 11.*

[https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/comprehensive-plan/3894/#:~:text=Comprehensive%20Plan%20Interim%20Update%20\(2023\)&text=The%20Interim%20Update%20is%20focused,Plan%20will%20not%20be%20revised.](https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/comprehensive-plan/3894/#:~:text=Comprehensive%20Plan%20Interim%20Update%20(2023)&text=The%20Interim%20Update%20is%20focused,Plan%20will%20not%20be%20revised.)

DCFC is encouraged to look over the map suggestions, and consider watching and/or participating in the Plan Commission meeting on September 7th.

- Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc –

No report

Double Dollars Program –

No report

- Community Gardens –

No report

*- Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice –
THAKKAR*

Did a visionary budget exercise at the last meeting; materials will be shared.

*- City of Madison Business Development Specialist – George Reistad via Guffey
Calkins*

*- Madison Public Market (MPM): Construction bid has been advertised – due 9/7/23.
More updates in September on bid results. MPM Foundation is holding a large public
event to celebrate the market in September at the future MPM building. Planning is going
well – release/info will be coming out in the next week or two regarding date/vendors/etc.*

*- Healthy Retail Access Program (HRAP): Application in the works – will come to
September or October Madison Food Policy Council meeting. Late August meetings with
funded 2023 projects (Istanbul Market and Bombay Bazaar) on progress re: store
renovations. UW-Madison Extension will be doing evaluation work this summer/fall on
HRAP.*

*- 2024 SEED Grants: Working with planning group made up of MFPC SEED reviewers.
Looking at the changes that DCFC made to the PIE grant application and review process
and using as a lens/point of reference for potential changes to SEED. UW-Madison
Extension will be doing evaluation work this summer/fall on SEED.*

*- Business Ready Program (“BizReady”) RFP was released in mid-July and was due
Monday 8/21.*

*BizReady Program Overview. After seeing the success of the 2017 MarketReady
Program in building and empowering a cohort of diverse food entrepreneurs, the City of
Madison wanted to adapt that model to provide support and technical assistance to
diverse entrepreneurs across business sectors.*

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/common-council-approves-program-to-support-bipoc-entrepreneurs#:~:text=The%20BizReady%20program%20will%20fall,for%20restoring%20storefronts%2C%20and%20more.>

- Public Health Madison & Dane County –
No report

- Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins
UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development (FEED) Program is partnering with Green Bay nonprofit New Food Forum to organize a 2-day summit for Wisconsin food and farming entrepreneurs! The 2023 FEED Summit will be held in-person on November 13-14, 2023, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This year's theme is: Adding Value to Your Food or Farming Business! Go to <https://go.wisc.edu/j40254> for more information and to register.

Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include the free Digging Deeper mini webinar series in Aug-Sept (Growing Garlic in WI, Composting, & Soil Testing) and the Sept 21 Soils, Composting, and Fertilizers class (\$12).

Council Discussion

- Pandemic Food System Study
Members discussed the opportunity to have a presence at the Oct 3-5, 2023, YWCA Racial Justice summit (Oct 3-4 are virtual, Oct 5 is in person). This would be a way to share info about the Pandemic Food System Study Report and DCFC.

- 2024 Budget Planning process
No additional discussion.

- Taste the Future event – Nov 3.
Members discussed the opportunity to have a presence at FEED Kitchen's Taste the Future event.

F. Presentations

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

9/20 – possibility of joining with MFPC for social gathering at Troy Farm on this date.
9/27 – DCFC hybrid meeting.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by NENNIG, seconded by THAKKAR, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval