



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, January 22, 2025

5:30 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 5:32pm.

- Present** 7 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA JANISCH, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, ADDI FAERBER, and JAY BROWER
- Excused** 2 - DANIEL CORNELIUS, and KERRY MARREN

Attended by Zoom: NENNIG, FAERBER, HASSELL, JANISCH, BROWER, MARREN
Others Present: YGP member Radhika Gupta, Jess Guffey Calkins

B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by BROWER, seconded by HASSELL, to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carries (7-0).

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C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Brie Cook observing meeting – nursing student at Edgewood College, instructed to attend a community meeting related to public health.

D. Reports to Committee*Regular Business Reports*

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

Food Plan is soft launching community engagement phase of plan process. Consumer survey is finished and website/communications are now live. Consumer survey can be taken and shared: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q27L2CL>. Save the date: February 27 for community engagement launch event. Project website: <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/dane-county-food-action-plan/>

MARREN joined at 5:36pm.

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

Reports to Committee

- Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc
No report

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

Regional Ag & Food Sovereignty (RAFS) monthly Zoom meetings: working on determining a new meeting time.

The 2025 Community Garden Summit, focusing mostly on organizational issues, will be on March 8, 2025, from 8:30a to 2:30p. Sessions will include: specialized volunteers, pathways for gardeners to become farmers, tool sharpening, and an information and listening session about community garden education plans for 2025. More information and registration can be found at <https://danegardens.net/conference/>

- Food Access; Double Dollars Program – Guffey Calkins
No report

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

2025 SEED Grants - \$50,000. Opened 1/13/25 – Closing 2/21/25. Report on SEED grants program is now available online on the City SEED grants webpage.

https://www.cityofmadison.com/mayor/documents/SEED%20Grants%20Final%20Report_LowRes_2024.pdf

2025 Healthy Retail Access Program - \$254,000. Paleo Mama Bakery - \$50,000.

Madison Public Market (MPM): Opening Summer/Fall 2025. MPM presentation from 12.4.24 Madison Food Policy Council meeting: <https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=13595939&GUID=371CADAA-B398-4527-84B0-3881C809757F>. Can also view presentation recording.

- Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins

Organic Vegetable Production Conference: This year's conference will open with half-day sessions held over Zoom on January 23 and 24. In-person sessions will take place the following week, on January 31 and February 1, at the Alliant Energy Center.

<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/organic-vegetable-production-conference/>

Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include gardening education classes.

DCFC Action Plan reports

- Policy - CHENOWETH

Met on Jan 14; focusing on land access – especially park land. Gathering information and will share more in February.

- Food Access and Equity (PIE) - JANISCH

2025 PIE Food Project grant application period is open:

<https://equity.danecounty.gov/grants/PIE-food>

2025 PIE grant review timeline:

- Tues 1/21/25 - Start announcing opening of PIE Food Project grants.

- Mon 2/24/25 - Close the grants (end of business). That gives applicants 5 weeks plus an additional weekend and Monday 2/24 to submit.

- PIE review team reads 2/25-3/9/24; meets sometime between 3/10-3/21/25 to make decisions.

- Fri 3/31/25 - Funding decision deadline.

- *Community Engagement - WARNER*
Will mobilize people for Food Action Plan engagement sessions.

- *Organizational Capacity*
No report

- *Food System Resource Recommendations*
No report

Council Discussion
- *2025 Meeting dates*
In February, DCFC will switch to 3rd Weds of the month at 6pm (a couple exceptions).

- *2025 PIE Food Project Grant process and outreach*
The 2025 PIE application went through many updates to increase clarity and ease of applying. These were based on the debriefing meeting after the 2024 PIE process. A discussion was held about how to get the word out far and wide throughout Dane County.

E. Announcements

None

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Switching to 3rd Wednesdays: Next meeting is 2/19/25

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by JANISCH, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carries (8-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval