



# 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, July 19, 2023

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.

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Dane County Food Council (DCFC) will convene on the Madison Food Policy Council  
(MFPC) meeting via link below

[https://cityofmadison.zoom.us/j/87187326864?  
pwd=OXdlZGpKWWVlY2xmNlVpVGhtZE1hdz09](https://cityofmadison.zoom.us/j/87187326864?pwd=OXdlZGpKWWVlY2xmNlVpVGhtZE1hdz09)

In the event that any agenda items listed below are not a

#### A. Call To Order

MFPC Chair Leete called to order at 5:33 pm.

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

*Attended by Zoom. RITT, CATON CAMPBELL, ANDRAE, NENNIG, CORNELIUS*

*OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, Sebastian Hassell, Rachel Figueroa, Nan  
Fey, Nick Heckman*

*Madison Food Policy Members and affiliates: Vice-Chair Rebecca Kemble, Alder Juliana  
Bennett, Angelina Mico, Dadit Hidayat, Devika Suri, Dustin Lundt, Emma Haney, Hedi  
Rudd, Jennifer Conroy, Katie Strader, Ndemazea Fonkem, Chair Nicholas Leete, Alder  
Regina Vidaver, Alder Tag Evers, Taylar Foster*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023  
MIN-193](#)

6.21.2023 FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**Attachments:** [2023 MIN-193](#)

Motion by RITT to approve minutes, Second by ANDRAE. CATON CAMPBELL  
abstains. All in favor, motion carries (4-0-1).

**C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*None*

**D. Presentations**

*Dane County Farmers Market – Healthy Retail Access Program Application Presentation  
– Rachel Figueroa  
A discussion followed the presentation.*

*Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc – Presentation – CATON CAMPBELL, Rebecca Kemble  
A discussion followed the presentation.*

**E. Reports to Committee***Regular Business Reports*

- MFPC Chair – Nicholas Leete

Chair Leete provided updates related to Madison Food Policy Council.

- Food Plan/Regional Food System Planning – Rebecca Kemble, CATON CAMPBELL

Expecting to find out in August about USDA Regional Food System Partnership grant application.

Will resume meeting – typically 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 3-4pm, via Zoom.

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty – Nicholas Leete

City of Madison is seeking input on updates to their Comprehensive Plan, especially changes to zoning.

Input can be provided by August 6; links and info will be emailed.

- Madison Farmland Preservation Task Force – Nan Fey

An update on this work was shared.

- Dane Food Access Network – Nick Heckman

High demand for emergency food.

DCFC Members left the MFPC zoom at this point and resumed meeting on the DCFC zoom.

- Madison Metropolitan School District –

No report

- Double Dollars Program –

No report

- Community Gardens –

No report

- Food System Assessment –

No report

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

No report

- City of Madison Business Development Specialist

No report

- Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins

Public Health is continuing toward publication of its Community Health Assessment in 2023, which will pave the way to the Community Health Improvement Plan in 2024. This work is being done in partnership with the community. Recently, Public Health partnered with Dane Arts Mural Artists (DAMA) to produce a series of seven participatory murals at City of Madison Parks Alive events this summer. One of these will be around “access to food.” More information and images of the completed murals should be available soon.

- 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/>).*

*CORNELIUS joined at 6:35pm.*

*Council Discussion*

*- Pandemic Food System Study*

*Information was shared from the most recent discussions on next steps and fiscal needs related to this study. The subgroup and council will continue to discuss.*

*- 2024 Budget Planning process*

*No additional discussion.*

## **F. Announcements**

*Sebastian Hassell – recently joined Rooted as Assistant Director of Troy Farm.  
CORNELIUS – co-organizing Soil Health Field Days on Sept 28-29 at the Dairy Forage Research Center and various farms in the area (including BIPOC-led farms).  
CORNELIUS shared updates on Food Finance Institute's recent award for the USDA Regional Food Business Center grant. He's engaging on a Tribal grant from the USDA, and is also co-tribal lead for a USDA Regional Food Business Center grant.*

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

*8/23*

*9/20 – possibility of joining with MFPC on this date.*

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

## **I. Adjourn**

**Motion by CATON CAMPBELL to adjourn, Second by NENNIG. All in favor, motion carries (6-0).**

**Adjourned at 7:15 pm.**

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