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Meeting Minutes - Draft MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

5:30 PM

Virtual

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Interpretation and Accessibility

Call to Order/Roll Call

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, George Reistad, Maneisha Lewis, Steve Ventura, Cordelia Fantova, Elizabeth Lucht, Jim Merett, Violeta Maria Calderon, Maria Seguin, Lourdes Shanjani

Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:31PM.

Present: 13 - Bill Tishler; Julia Matthews; Nicholas S. Leete; Logan C. Morrow; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Noah R. Bloedorn; Christopher G. Brockel; Cathryn Herlihey; Nina R. Comiskey; Walter H. Strange; Katie L. Strader and David D. Leeper

Absent: 5 - Josh Perkins; Devika J. Suri; Cassandra H. Vetter; Kelsey Abad and Nan Fey

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from April made by Brockel. Second by Bloedorn.
Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Public Comment

[93563](#) Public Comment: MFPC 6/17/26

None

Disclosures and Recusals

Brockel discloses that FEED Kitchens has provided some technical assistance to the operators of Bread & Butter, LLC but does stand to gain financially from their HRAP application.

New Business

Action Item

1. [93561](#) HRAP Funding Recommendation - Bread & Butter, LLC

Attachments: [BnB HRAP App Package 060426 Reduced.pdf](#)
[Bread and Butter HRAP Pres 2026.pdf](#)
[HRAP RT - Bread and Butter LLC Funding Recs Memo 060426 FINA](#)

Reistad presented from the attached slides.

Bloedorn moves to approve the funding recommendation. Herlihey Seconds.

Brockel shares that FEED has 85 commercial vendors. There is no more food truck space, and minimal ability to support new businesses. More shared commercial kitchen space will be welcome.

Reistad shares that HRAP will have another \$120k in the fund for 2026 if this proposal is approved.

Bloedorn expresses gratitude to the Bread & Butter team for developing this project and congratulates the HRAP team on providing support for infrastructure projects.

Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Special Presentation

2. [93562](#) Food Production on City-owned Land - Agroecology Analysis

Attachments: [MFPC Agroecology Slides 06 17 2026.pptx](#)

Ventura and Lewis presented about a parcel analysis of city-owned properties with urban agriculture potential.

Lewis and Ventura answered questions about specific properties.

Leete mentions that Rooted other organizations like Urban Triage and Groundswell Conservancy are involved in developing a pipeline of potential farmers.

Update from the Chair

3. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair
Introducing new member Ald. Julia Matthews.

Regular Business Reports

4. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning
Food Plan has received reviews and is working on final draft. Will be available as a narrative document and website.
5. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty
The committee has been working on the urban agriculture policy, with hope to release later this year.
6. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network
No report
7. [75103](#) Farmland Preservation Task Force
No report
8. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District
No report
9. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program
Double Dollars market season began distributing on June 1. Community Action Coalition is working with Wisconsin Nutrition Incentive Network on a pilot of a statewide version of Double Dollars called Double Up Bucks.
10. [72197](#) Community Gardens
No report
11. [77773](#) Food System Assessment
No report

Staff Reports

12. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist
Madison Public Market is scheduled to open 7/23. In the Wednesdays leading up to this, there will be pop-up events at the building that are open to the public through 7/10.
13. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County
City and County budgets have both projected reductions for agencies.
14. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison
No report

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Bloedorn. Second by Kemble. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 7:12PM.