



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved 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, August 16, 2023

5:30 PM

VIRTUAL

The City of Madison is holding the Madison Food Policy Council meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to mfpc@cityofmadison.com
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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Nan Fey

Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:36.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from July made by Vidaver. Second by Rudd.
Motion passed with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[79330](#)

Public Comment - Madison Food Policy Council 8/16/23

Rachel Figueroa has registered to speak during the Healthy Retail Access Program action item.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bennett inquires about food waste recovery efforts and requests future discussion or presentation from Bryan Johnson from the Streets Department. Brockel offers to also share the history of food waste recovery work as part of the MFPC.

Bennett also requests to discuss budget priorities at the October MFPC meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. [79334](#) Food Council Action Planning

Kemble and Fey presented from the attached slides.

Vidaver: hoop houses may not require an ordinance change, if staff can develop materials for community members to educate on the process

Suri: What does advocacy look for in expanding SEED funding?

Kemble: There could be various opportunities to use ongoing evaluations of SEED to argue for expanded funding. Alternately, Healthy Retail Access Program funding may need to be used to expand SEED funding.

Foster: What are the expectations for moving forward on these action items?

Fey: connecting with decision-makers to educate and provide support.

Kemble: Individually helping by advancing actions and supporting draft of resolution language. Collectively, could weigh in on planning materials on behalf of the council.

REPORT FROM CHAIR

2. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair
- Next MFPC meeting will be held in person at Troy Community Garden on September 20,
- Looking for two new members to fill vacancies on the council.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

3. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning
- USDA has requested very clarifying questions from the group. Hoping to hear soon whether the grant will be received.
4. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty
- City's update of the land use plan and subdivision regulations
Week of September 25 there will be events at Dan Cornelius's farm focusing on soil health and other subjects.
5. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network
- No report.
6. [75103](#) Farmland Preservation Task Force
- Attachments:** <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/documents/2018-2023%20POSP.pdf>
[https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/olbrich-park-north-parcel-park-REGISTER IN ADVANCE](https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/olbrich-park-north-parcel-park-REGISTER%20IN%20ADVANCE)
- Subdivision regulations for the City of Madison had not been updated since 1960. When they were noticed for updating in July, Alder Slack noticed that urban agriculture and community resilience in the face of climate change Task Force members proposed language that was ultimately approved by the Common Council providing a definition of urban agriculture, and adding "encourage the preservation of land for urban agriculture" to the Purpose and Introduction section of the ordinance.
- Other public input planning efforts that present opportunities for advocacy and education on this topic include the Planning Division's 12 Area Plans (NorthEast and West in 2023, SouthEast and SouthWest in 2024), updating the Sustainability Plan and the Parks and Open Space Plan this fall and winter.
7. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District
- Getting ready for the start of the school year. Will be rolling out salad bars at all schools for the first time since the pandemic has ended.
- Looking for Council member help to encourage families to fill out Free and Reduced-price meal applications. Information for applications and process is available at <http://mmsd.org>

- 8. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

Program on track to meet goals for 2023 market season before shifting to indoor retail season at Willy St. Co-op in October. Steering team is beginning a push to generate more
- 9. [72197](#) Community Gardens

No report.
- 10. [77773](#) Food System Assessment

SEED Grant evaluation is set to begin next month. Student support from MFPC Council member Ndemazea Fonkem.

FEED Kitchens and Wisconsin Food System Inc are working on assessment on food waste recovery. Will be holding an even on October 11 from 9AM-1PM.
- 11. [72200](#) Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice

No report

STAFF REPORTS

- 12. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

Healthy Retail Access Program application from Luna's Groceries is in development. Luna's is also now looking into moving into the Yuh-Wah space at the South Madison Villager Mall.
- 13. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

Public Health is exploring plans to join the multi-use development on the South side of Madison
- 14. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcements

Black Restaurant Week begins this Sunday. Jamboree event will be held at FEED Kitchen on 8/20 from 2-5PM

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Evers. Second by Kemble. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:51PM.