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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, February 21, 2024

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.

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Dave Leeper

Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:37PM.

Present: 14 - Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Nicholas S. Leete; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Dustin K. Lundt; Noah R. Bloedorn; Dadit G. Hidayat; Devika J. Suri; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Teal M. Evans; Sarah M. Larson; Katie L. Strader and Ndemazea F. Fonkem

Excused: 5 - Juliana R. Bennett; Jamie R. Bugel; Angelina Mico; Christopher G. Brockel and Laura G. Scandurra

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from January made by Evers. Second by Lundt.

Motion passed with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[82114](#) Public Comment: MFPC 2/21/24

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Leete and Rudd disclose that they work for Rooted, Inc, which holds a lease with the City of Madison. Leete also discloses that he works with community gardens, which may pertain to the discussion on the Olbrich North Parcel.

NEW BUSINESS**Action Items**

1. [81656](#) Amending the Land Banking Fund Policy to add urban agriculture as an appropriate secondary use for properties acquired through the fund.

Attachments: [MFPC_Land Banking Policy amendment memo 1-10-24.pdf](#)
[Part 1_Comprehensive Plan.pdf](#)
[Part 2_Comprehensive Plan.pdf](#)
[Part 3_Comprehensive Plan\(1\).pdf](#)
[City of Madison Land Banking Fund Policy_Adopted 6_1_21.pdf](#)

Evers made a motion to approve the policy that the Council will support the Land Banking Policy amendments. Second by Kemble.

Evers provided background on this amendment.

Motion passes with unanimous approval.
2. [81655](#) Revising City of Madison leases on lands being used for row crop agriculture

Attachments: [Ag Lease Memo Revisions & References - January 2022.pdf](#)
[MFPC_Ag Lease revisions memo 1-10-24.pdf](#)
[Part 1_Comprehensive Plan.pdf](#)
[Part 2_Comprehensive Plan.pdf](#)
[Part 3_Comprehensive Plan\(1\).pdf](#)

Evers moved to approve the revisions to the ag lease memos. Second by Leete. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Report from the Chair

- 3. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair

MFPC leadership is exploring a reduction in committee size based on current vacancies. This will support improved quorum. MFPC continues to recruit for new, interested members, although there may be delays in appointing individuals while the restructuring takes place.

Regular Business Reports

- 4. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning

Bloedorn provided an overview of his role at REAP Food Group, the status of the USDA Regional Food System Planning grant, and the County’s expectations around delivery of a food plan.

- 5. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

Leete shares a memo that supports the Parks Department’s recommendation for community gardens at the Olbrich North Parcel park development process.

Leete makes a motion to share this memo with Parks division staff as a memo from the Food Council. Second by Rudd. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

- 6. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network

No report

- 7. [75103](#) Farmland Preservation Task Force

No report

- 8. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District

**Began Nuestro Mundo scratch cooking pilot in February. Article recently available in the Capital Times:
https://captimes.com/news/education/honey-ginger-tofu-on-a-madison-school-menu-yes-from-scratch/article_55220b26-cab0-11ee-9c60-2383398570f7.html**

- 9. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

The State Assembly has passed a Nutrition Incentive Bill by a margin of 96-2. The State Senate will potentially hold a vote later this week.

10. [72197](#) Community Gardens

No report

11. [77773](#) Food System Assessment

SEED evaluations are underway. The evaluation has shifted from ripple effects mapping to interviewing key informants. Estimated plan to present results to the

There is an RFA for regional food system infrastructure funding. Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc. is interested in submitting a proposal to expand digital infrastructure for food buying. Building on previous MFPC-funded ACDS reports.

Staff Reports

12. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

No report.

13. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

No report.

14. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

2024 Dane County PIE Food Project grant applications will be posted later this week at <https://equity.countyofdane.com/grants/PIE-food>. 2024 will be the best year yet to apply, as the funding available has increased from \$20,000 to \$40,000 to be granted. Applications will be due Monday, February 26, 2024.

Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables was awarded a \$400,000 federal grant to expand composting availability with food waste drop-off kiosks. Dane County will be partnering with the City of Madison and other municipalities in this effort. Also included in the grant opportunity is funding to increase education and outreach to local municipalities, businesses, and organizations to develop food waste solutions.
<https://www.countyofdane.com/PressDetail/11367/1>

Announcements

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Evers. Second by Day Farnsworth.
Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:10 PM.