



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Wednesday, December 3, 2025

5:30 PM

Virtual

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**Call to Order/Roll Call**

**Others Present:** Nicholas Heckman, George Reistad, Ellen Zheng

**Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:34PM.**

**Present:** 13 - Bill Tishler; Tag Evers; Nicholas S. Leete; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Josh Perkins; Christopher G. Brockel; Dadit G. Hidayat; Cassandra H. Vetter; Kelsey Abad; Walter H. Strange; David D. Leeper and Nan Fey

**Excused:** 6 - Logan C. Morrow; Mathew N. Salbego; Noah R. Bloedorn; Devika J. Suri; Lindsey Day Farnsworth and Katie L. Strader

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to approve minutes from June made by Fey. Second by Rudd. Fey indicates that she needs to be noted as present in the October meeting minutes. Motion passed with unanimous approval.**

**Public Comment**

[90969](#)

Public Comment: MFPC 12/3/25

None

**Disclosures and Recusals**

Leete and Rudd disclose that they are employed by Rooted, Inc. which does work on community gardening.

**New Business**

Rudd requests more information about the ongoing process for Request for Expressions of Interest

**Action Items**

1. [90336](#) Adopting recommendations around growing food on brownfields

**Attachments:** [Growing Food on City-Owned Brownfields.pdf](#)  
[Resolution to Create Policies for Food Production on City-Owned Land-2.pdf](#)

Fey moved to removed this item off the table from October. Second by Brockel. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Kemble presented about the attached resolution.

Reistad shared City staffing concerns.

Tishler encourages amendment to timeline to create more possibility for work to be done after the 2026 growing season.

Evers made a motion to recommend the resolution be introduced to Common Council on 12/9 with an amendment to strike “by March 2026” and replace with “in time for 2026 growing season.” Seconded by Brockel. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

#### Update from Chair

2. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair

Chair reminds members to sign their statement of interests.

#### Regular Business Reports

3. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning

Food Plan data analysis is partially complete. Results will be shared in coming months.

4. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

RAFS discussed details of processes and timelines for the brownfields resolution at tonight Madison FPC meeting, but also have as new business for January discussion about Dane county environmental/ecological credits, restarting community composting policy development, and continuing the conversation from the City of Madison's request for expressions of interest.

5. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network

Heckman shared about the November DFAN meeting where representatives from the Mayor's office joined to share words of support to the network.

6. [75103](#) Farmland Preservation Task Force

Evers mentions emerging conversations about planning for the Raemisch Farm property.

7. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District

Featuring new products and dishes. Revised menus this fall have been popular.

8. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

Recapping budget process for City and County which has resulted in changes to funding for the Double Dollars Program.

9. [72197](#) Community Gardens

No report

10. [77773](#) Food System Assessment

No report

### Staff Reports

11. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

Request for Expressions of Interest about growing food on City-owned land went out on November 10. Currently 29 responses to survey which range from individuals to institutions.

Rudd: the survey may be generating more organizational responses. Inquires if more effort can be made to solicit individual responses.

A: the survey is focused on organizational level responses, which is the best way for the City to develop relationships with land

Leete: What is city-owned land?

A: Properties which would be suitable for urban agriculture activities, could include parcels owned by Parks, Engineering, etc.

Tishler: Can urban agriculture be integrated into other structures, such as top of parking structures?

A: This hasn't been significantly examined yet.

Fey: This was studied for the Central Library rooftop and Butler St parking ramp, which could be quite expensive or have accessibility issues.

12. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

No report.

13. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

No report.

### Adjournment