



# 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, September 18, 2024

5:30 PM

VIRTUAL

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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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Webinar ID: 858 3860 8394

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Others Present:** Nicholas Heckman, Jess Guffey Calkins, Radhika Gupta, Deanna Kelley, Shirley Nennig, Bryan Johnson, Delaney Gobster

**Alt 1:** Dave Leeper - present

**Alt 2:** Nan Fey - present

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

**Present:** 10 - Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Nicholas S. Leete; Jamie R. Bugel; Hedi L. Rudd; Angelina Mico; Dustin K. Lundt; Noah R. Bloedorn; Christopher G. Brockel and Devika J. Suri

**Absent:** 6 - Rebecca Kemble; Dadit G. Hidayat; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Teal M. Evans; Sarah M. Larson and Katie L. Strader

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from August 21 made by Rudd. Second by Brockel.  
Motion passed with unanimous approval.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

[85135](#) Public Comment: MFPC 9/18/24

None

## DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [85136](#) Update on Composting and Food Waste Reduction by City of Madison Streets Department and Dane County Waste and Renewables

Attachments: [2024 Food Policy Council Drop Off Scraps.pdf](#)  
[MFPC Organics Recycling presentation\\_DCWAR\\_9.18.24-1.pdf](#)

Johnson and Gobster presented from the attached slides.

### Discussion:

- Evers: What kind of education are we doing around home composting?
  - o Johnson: UW-Extension Dane County previously hosted a Master Composter class, but the educator retired and the course was moved online.
  - o Calkins: This program is now called Wisconsin Compost Stewards.
  - o Leete: NRDC funding also provided funds for pilot composting programs at community gardens. Established 3 community food waste sites at gardens in 2024. Troy composting project collected 20k pounds.
- Vidaver: When the county grant ends in may 2026, are you expecting to make up the difference in tipping/service fees?
  - o Gobster: this will be discussed with municipalities and host sites, as well as additional grants being pursued
- Bugel: The Dane County Farmers Market also has compost drop-off, which inspired by the work of the City and County projects. Tried to align acceptable products with other food scrap programs. Will have compost drop-off at later winter market at Garver this year. Have we surveyed information about user preferences in the programs?
  - o Johnson: No surveying yet as the goal was not to create barriers to use. Possibly in the future.
- Fey: What will be included in the "Sustainability Campus"
  - o Gobster: At the site of the Yahara Hills golf course, 35 acres will be focused on admin/education building, infrastructure to house new businesses for new recycling programs (e.g. mattress, textiles, fabrics recycling)
- Brockel: Expresses gratitude for bringing attention to the issue. Reminds group that some percentage of still-edible food can be diverted before even reaching composting stage.
- Suri: Will composting and waste be included in the Dane County food action plan?
  - o Bloedorn: Yes, this will be included.

**Report from Chair**

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

**This will be Angelina Mico's final meeting. Members encouraged to consider individuals who may be interested in the FPC in the future.**

**Regular Business Reports**

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

**Progress continues toward development of survey instruments and community engagement. Website has been developed and graphics are being developed for branding purposes. Community engagement process will begin this week with consumer surveying. Will be launching a podcast in October to share information about food system work and subjects related to the food system.**

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

**No report.**

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

**No report.**

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

**Fey is working on a report to the MFPC on progress towards recommendations from May 2023 report.**

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

**No report.**

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

**Double Dollars outdoor season will end in October**

- 9. [72197](#) Community Gardens

**No report.**

- 10. [77773](#) Food System Assessment

**No report.**

**Staff Reports**

- 11. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

**No report.**

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

Progress continues toward revision of a report detailing food insecurity in Dane County.

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

Dane County Executive budget was released today, 9/18.

Free School for Farmworkers: Farmer Burnout: 9/25/24, 6:30-8pm. Join your farmworker peers for a virtual in-depth discussion and skillshare on staying safe in extreme heat. This session will be facilitated in English and simultaneously interpreted and translated into Spanish by Cooperativa Brujulas. Closed captioning will also be available. Co-hosted by Not Our Farm, UW-Madison Extension Dane County, and FairShare CSA Coalition.

<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/events/free-school-for-farmworkers-farmer-burnout/>;

<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/events/free-school-for-farmworkers-agotamient-o-de-los-agricultores/>

2024 FEED Summit: UW-Madison Division of Extension Community Food Systems Program is partnering with the Milwaukee Food Council to organize a 2-day summit for Wisconsin food and farming entrepreneurs! Registration is open for the in-person 2024 FEED Summit in Milwaukee, WI, on October 28-29, 2024. FEED stands for Food Entrepreneurship and Ecosystem Development. <https://www.edible-alpha.org/product/2024-feed-summit-registration/>

Upcoming UW-Madison Extension Dane County food systems and other educational events: <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/upcoming-events/>

### Announcements

- Rudd announced a survey that has is available on the Rooted website and social media about the future of the Troy Garden and Farm
- REAP's Harvest Weekend at Yowela Farms in Stoughton will be held 9/21-22
- Badger Rock Neighborhood Center will be hosting Hispanic Heritage month events in coming weeks. Check social media if interested.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Rudd. Second by Fey. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:59PM.