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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, October 15, 2025

5:30 PM

Virtual

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Call to Order/Roll Call

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Walter Strange, Stefanie Moccero, Marcia Caton Campbell

Madison Food Policy Council called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:33PM.

Present: 13 - Bill Tishler; Nicholas S. Leete; Logan C. Morrow; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Noah R. Bloedorn; Christopher G. Brockel; Devika J. Suri; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Cassandra H. Vetter; Kelsey Abad; David D. Leeper and Nan Fey

Excused: 5 - Tag Evers; Mathew N. Salbego; Josh Perkins; Dadit G. Hidayat and Katie L. Strader

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from September made by Fey. Second by Rudd. Fey requested changes made the record for the action item to reflect comments made by Freese at that time.

Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Public Comment

1. [90334](#) Public Comment: MFPC 10/15/25

None

Disclosures and Recusals

None

New Business

Special Presentation

2. [90335](#) Overview of Public Health's Licensed Establishments & food safety programs

Attachments: [Licensed Establishments - Madison Food Policy Council 2025 10 15.pptx](#)

Stefanie Moccero, Environmental Health Services Supervisor at Public Health Madison & Dane County, shared information based on the attached presentation.

Brockel: commends Licensed Establishment team for their professionalism and training.

Action Item

3. [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](#)

Motion to table action item made by Fey. Second by Leete. Motion passed with unanimous approval

Leete requests to take agenda out of order and allow Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty report at this time to follow-up on the tabled action item, as the work is not yet at the stage of presenting actionable recommendations.

Update from Chair

4. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair

Continuing to recruit new members. No meeting in November. Next meeting on December 3, 2025. Meeting dates for 2026 have been submitted to Legistar and shared with committee members.

Regular Business Reports

5. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning

Bloedorn updates that the committee has transitioned into a new phase of data aggregation and processing. Staff from Second Harvest are supporting this new work. Outlines process for remaining work to deliver on food system action plan.

6. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

Caton Campbell presented from the attached slides about growing food on brownfields.

Tishler: What are the fiscal impacts?

Caton Campbell: in theory, minimal. Certain methods are designed not to add liability for the landowner.

7. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network

Suri shares information about the recent USDA decision to eliminate the annual hunger report.

8. [75103](#) Farmland Preservation Task Force

Fey mentions that new master agricultural leases passed Common Council in September.

9. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District

No report

10. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

Updates on program funding: County previously removed its contribution, but County Executive's proposed budget partially restored \$10,000 in funding to the program. Madison alders are considering a budget amendment to further strengthen Double Dollars funding.

11. [72197](#) Community Gardens

Gardens summit planning underway.

12. [77773](#) Food System Assessment

No report

Staff Reports

13. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

No report

14. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

Heckman shared overview of recent changes to SNAP and the potential impacts of the federal government shutdown on the public.

15. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

No report

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Rudd. Second by Brockel. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 7:21 PM.