



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, April 17, 2024

5:30 PM

VIRTUAL

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Nan Fey, Dave Leeper

Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:38PM.

- Present:** 15 - Juliana R. Bennett; Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Nicholas S. Leete; Jamie R. Bugel; Angelina Mico; Noah R. Bloedorn; Christopher G. Brockel; Devika J. Suri; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Teal M. Evans; Laura G. Scandurra; Sarah M. Larson; Katie L. Strader and Ndemazea F. Fonkem
- Excused:** 4 - Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Dustin K. Lundt and Dadit G. Hidayat

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from March made by Brockel. Second by Day Farnsworth.

Motion passed with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[82929](#) Public Comment: MFPC 4/17/24

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

1. [82471](#) Amending Section 33.52 of the Madison General Ordinances related to Madison Food Policy Council to amend composition of the FPC.
Motion to approve the amendments made by Vidaver. Second by Bennett.
Bennett inquires about the need for two alders, as opposed to one. Day Farnsworth suggests that having multiple alders is valuable. Evers says alders support the existing structure.
Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Report from the Chair

2. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair
No report

Regular Business Reports

3. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning
Currently in the process of designing a community engagement strategy for the next phase of the project.
4. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty
No report.

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

Attachments: [MMG 2022 Food Insecurity in Dane County.pdf](#)

No report.

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

The Land Banking Policy revisions that Alder Evers negotiated with Matt Mikolajewski of the Economic Development Division were adopted by the Common Council on 3/19. The document is an “adopted policy”, but it may not have an official location on the city’s website; Alder Evers and Staff will determine how and where the revisions are made available to those charged with implementing the policy as soon as possible.

The “Ag Leases” resolution was also passed by the Common Council on 3/19 and Fey has contacted Real Estate Staff in the Economic Development Division about appropriate changes in time for the contracts to be signed in 2024. The term (duration), rent, and renewal provisions do not need to be re-negotiated this year, with spring planting already underway, but should be in place for 2025. Parcels will also need to be evaluated using the factors (location, future use and timing) detailed in the Memo to Staff of January 2022, and a more equitable leasing process developed for next year.

The Parks Division is updating its Parks & Open Space Plan for the next 5 years. Public input sessions are scheduled for April 29, May 2 and 9; these sessions are the best opportunities to advocate for “proactive planning for growing space” in “community park” level lands as recommended by the Task Force in its 2023 report. Time and place details are on the website

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

Attachments: [SFP FAQ Flyer 2024.pdf](#)

No update.

8. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

2024 market season anticipated to begin in June.

9. [72197](#) Community Gardens

No report.

10. [77773](#) Food System Assessment

No report.

Staff Reports

11. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

Healthy Retail Access Program (HRAP) will have 2 applications coming to the MFPC in May for consideration. HRAP Enterprise Assistance & Training (EAT) initiative is progressing with Food Finance Institute staff (Peter Robertson) continuing 1:1's with store vendors to ascertain business goals/visions and build rapport. Will build cohort technical assistance class schedule after 1:1's are completed.

Madison Public Market construction continues and is still on schedule for completion in 2025.

BizReady Program - which is loosely modeled after the MarketReady Program - was adopted by Common Council last night and will now move forward with the contracting process with MadREP. The target is to enroll 35 diverse businesses within Madison and provide them technical assistance and funding support to help launch and grow their businesses, with a focus on entrepreneurs who have started a business but need assistance to grow strategically and sustainably.

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

Federal negotiations for the 2024 reauthorization of the Farm Bill are underway.

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

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Leete. Second by Brockel. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:06PM.