



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved TASK FORCE ON FARMLAND PRESERVATION

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Wednesday, November 9, 2022

3:00 PM

Virtual

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Tag Evers; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Rebecca Kemble; Nan Fey; Mark Voss; Alison Volk; Marcia Caton Campbell and Yimmuj Yang

**Absent:** 1 - Erik Paulson

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Evers, seconded by LeZaks, to Approve the Minutes of October 26, 2022. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [74321](#) Public Comment for the Task Force on Farmland Preservation

**Attachments:** [Connors Comment Current Ag Use or Vacant Land in Madison.pdf](#)

None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

### RESOURCES

1. [74519](#) Documents Related to the Task Force on Farmland Preservation

**Attachments:** [Resources Index](#)  
[TFPP Background 10-26-22.pdf](#)  
[Food & Economic Development Strategy.pdf](#)  
[Food & Farmland Comp Plan Strategies.pdf](#)  
[Comprehensive Plan Maps.pdf](#)  
[Staff Presentation](#)

This is a repository of documents we will be using in the course of our work. Staff shared their screen and showed the Legistar items related to the Task Force, including meetings, agendas, and the resource page of linked documents.

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [74520](#) Farmland Preservation - Discussion of Terms

**Attachments:** [Link to Farmland Information Center](#)

Task Force members discussed elements of a potential working definition of Farmland Preservation.

3. [74343](#) Discussion of topics to be considered

**Attachments:** [TFFP Background.pdf](#)

- Definition of Farmland Preservation for the purpose of this Task Force
- How can we make temporary growing spaces on city-owned vacant land?
- Soil quality - remediation and contamination issues.
- Is there a city policy about growing on brownfield sites? Does the city have a definition of brownfields?
- Model farmland preservation policies from other cities
- What information went into the Comp Plan maps and how were their terms defined, e.g. Productive Agriculture Soils and Natural Limitations for Building Site Development?
- Accessibility of farmland to urban growers (transportation connections)
- Where are the city-owned parcels that could be used for growing purposes?
- Potential presentation from [www.farmlandinfo.org](http://www.farmlandinfo.org) - national clearinghouse of information on farmland preservation.
- What metrics do we want to see in policy recommendations? Who is farming in the city, How many, Demographics, Economic benefits to growers? Can we quantify the impacts of any policies coming out of this Task Force?
- Discussion of relevant sections in current update of Sustainability Plan.

## ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Evers, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Future meeting dates:

December 14, 2022  
January 11 and 25, 2023  
February 8 and 22  
March 8 and 22  
(April 12 and 26)  
(May 10 and 24)