



City of Madison

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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, March 22, 2023

6:30 PM

Virtual

The City of Madison is holding the Madison Food Policy Council meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to mfpc@cityofmadison.com

2. **Register for Public Comment:**

- Register to speak at the meeting.
- Register to answer questions.
- Register in support or opposition of an agenda item (without speaking).

If you want to speak at this meeting you must register. You can register at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/MeetingRegistration>. When you register to speak, you will be sent an email with the information you will need to join the virtual meeting.

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(877) 853-5257 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 830 6429 2870

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Nan Fey

Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 6:31.

Present: 13 - Regina M. Vidaver; William Tishler; Nicholas S. Leete; Jamie R. Bugel; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Dustin K. Lundt; Taylr M. Johnson; Taylor E. Foster; Devika J. Suri; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Katie L. Strader and Jennifer S. Conroy

Absent: 7 - Sabrina V. Madison; Christopher G. Brockel; Dadit G. Hidayat; Teal M. Evans; Laura G. Scandurra; Sarah M. Larson and Ndemazea F. Fonkem

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from February 15 made by Bugel. Second by Day Farnsworth. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Motion to approve minutes from February 8 made by Foster. Second by Rudd.
Motion passes with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. [76906](#) Public Comment MFPC 3/22/23
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

WORK GROUP REPORTS

- 2. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning

Food Plan Workgroup is working to submit a USDA Regional Food Systems Partnership grant.

- 3. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

RAFS workgroup discussed local market development and studies on institutional buying.

Prepared a memo to concur with the Plan Commission’s recommendation to increase the number of chickens that can be kept in households across Dane County.

RAFS workgroup will move monthly meetings to 1:00PM on third Fridays.

- [75103](#) Farmland Preservation Task Force

Attachments: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/documents/2018-2023%20POSP.pdf>
[https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/olbrich-park-north-parcel-park-REGISTER IN ADVANCE](https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/olbrich-park-north-parcel-park-REGISTER%20IN%20ADVANCE)

Members are continuing research and drafting of a final report will begin next month.

CHAIR AND STAFF REPORTS

- 5. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair

SEED Grants will be voted on in April.

Revisiting the January and February meetings:
 1. There are several city partners that MFPC could be working with more, such as Transportation, Planning, Zoning, Community Development, and Finance departments. Challenges navigating all these connections without a Food Policy Director.
 2. There are key stakeholders outside of the government that MFPC can engage with further.

3. Priority areas of work: food security & hunger; health & nutrition; food system infrastructure
4. Some gaps remain: procurement, land use and regulation, climate change. Could interest or knowledge of members or capacity or scope of council.

6. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

No report

7. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

COVID-19 cases remain stable. Hospitalizations are at the lowest levels since May, 2022. CDC Transmission Level and Madison-area wastewater surveillance suggest low COVID-19 transmission at the moment.

SNAP Emergency allotments have now expired, creating new challenges for many families that had been receiving additional benefits since 2020 to help offset economic uncertainty and inflationary pressures on rising food costs. Dane County emergency food providers were already reporting increased demand in early 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, and individuals and families now dealing with reduced SNAP benefits may present additional demand for emergency food.

8. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include a FEED (Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development) virtual Spring 2023 Workshop Series: Tips for Food and Farm Business Success – dates are Mondays March 13-April 24. There will also be a Green Thumb Gardening Spring class series in March-April.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

9. [72197](#) Community Gardens

Registration for garden spots ongoing.

10. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District

No update.

11. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

A new Double Dollars coordinator has been identified. They will start in April.

12. [72200](#) Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice

Sheena Tesch now participating from Dane County Food Council. Current focus is racial justice in food systems and in food councils. Madison and Dane County are the most formalized entities in these communities. Learning from other groups about community voice and inclusive engagement to inform food system change.

Opportunity may arise for a recruiting workgroup, or collaborating with initiatives coming from Dane County Food Council on this issue to amplify voices of BIPOC stakeholders.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Vidaver. Second by Day Farnworth.
Motion approved by unanimous approval at 7:16PM.