



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, August 21, 2024

5:30 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.

3. **Watch the Meeting:** If you would like to join the meeting as an observer, please visit <https://www.cityofmadison.com/watchmeetings>.

4. **Listen by Phone:**

(877) 853-5257 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 858 3860 8394

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Abha Thakkar, Addi Faerber, Shirley Nanning, Sebastian Hassell, Dave Leeper, Kelsey Abad

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

Present: 10 - Tag Evers; Nicholas S. Leete; Jamie R. Bugel; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Angelina Mico; Dustin K. Lundt; Christopher G. Brockel; Devika J. Suri and Katie L. Strader

Excused: 6 - Regina M. Vidaver; Noah R. Bloedorn; Dadit G. Hidayat; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Teal M. Evans and Sarah M. Larson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from July 17 made by Mico. Second by Evers.
Motion passed with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [84813](#) Public Comment: MFPC 8/21/2024
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Special Presentation

2. [84814](#) Presentation: Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning and Practice
Attachments: [Community of Learning and Practice on Racial Equity and Economic Justice.](#)

Thakkar and Kemble presented from the attached slides. Kemble shared about the experience meeting with the community partners in-person in Jackson, Mississippi. Experiences included a civil rights tour of Jackson, meeting with the ancestor of Medgar Evers, and eating food cooked and shared by people who lived and worked on the land.

Questions:
 - Brockel: Transformational practice happens a lot on the ground in our area, but how can we capture that activity of food system work.
 - Kemble: MFPC and DCFC should meet in person in 2024 to further work on relationships

Report from Chair

3. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair
None

Regular Business Reports

4. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning

Progress continues toward development of survey instruments and community engagement. Website and branding will be worked upon in August.
5. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

No report.

6. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network

No report.

7. [75103](#) Farmland Preservation Task Force

No report.

8. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District

School will begin less than two weeks. Every family, regardless of income should lie to fill out free/reduced meal applications. Sign up at schoolcafe.com.

9. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

Community Action Coalition was selected to continue its work administering the Double Dollars Programs for the City and County.

10. [72197](#) Community Gardens

We've been working repairing water systems at various gardens around Madison and continuing with workdays. Gardens interested in cover crop seed for vacant plots or otherwise can contact gardens@rootedwi.org for plot-sized seed bags

11. [77773](#) Food System Assessment

No report.

Staff Reports

12. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

Economic Development division has submitted its proposed budget under the potential 5% reduction scenario as requested by the Mayor. Funds for food programming were left untouched aside from funds that support certain community gardens and summer meals activities. Reistad has connected with potentially impacted agencies, although even if the November referendum does not pass, it is not guaranteed that all funding would be lost in these categories.

13. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

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

14. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Program will be hiring an

Indigenous Food Sovereignty Outreach Specialist to lead the strategic development of direct education and programming, foster and maintain key external partnerships, and work with Extension colleagues to identify and adapt existing agricultural and food systems development resources for Tribal audiences. More details here:

<https://jobs.wisc.edu/jobs/indigenous-food-sovereignty-outreach-specialist-madison-wisconsin-united-states-8d6f8948-4cd7-4577-bd4c-3fd1c0e89fb1>. Apply by 8/28/24.

“A Landscape Assessment of Wisconsin Farm to Food Assistance Initiatives”: a new report by UW-Madison Division of Extension Community Food Systems Program that captures lessons across a range of farm to food assistance initiatives throughout Wisconsin. Themes and recommendations focus on how to improve collective capacity to move more culturally relevant, Wisconsin-grown products to households in need. The research was led by the Community Food Systems Program at UW-Madison Division of Extension and supported by the Medical College of Wisconsin and Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin. The project was funded through Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin.

Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include gardening education classes.

Announcements

- Upcoming MFPC and Dane County Food Council meeting subjects:
- 8/28 DCFC– Youth Gov Prog presentation on youth food insecurity
- 9/18 MFPC – City/County compost & food waste project updates (Alex Thomas, Bryan Johnson)
- 9/25 DCFC – Mt. Horeb food system community conversations project presentation

Rooted is hosting a Summer of Love event Saturday 24 10-6 at Leopold Park

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Brockel. Second by Rudd. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:30PM.