



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved TASK FORCE ON FARMLAND PRESERVATION

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Wednesday, October 26, 2022

3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Tag Evers; Erik Paulson; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Rebecca Kemble; Nan Fey;  
Mark Voss; Alison Volk; Marcia Caton-Campbell and Yimmuj Yang

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [74321](#) Public Comment for the Task Force on Farmland Preservation  
None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

- None
2. Background on Task Force  
Presented by Nan Fey. (see attachment, agenda item #5)
  3. Group Introductions  
Task Force members and City staff made introductions.

### NEW BUSINESS

4. [74344](#) Discussion of structure, charge and timeframe of Task Force  
  
**Attachments:** [Link to File 72997 Establishing the Farmland Preservation Taskforce](#)  
  
Alder Evers led the discussion of the structure, charge and time frame of the Task Force.

5. [74343](#) Discussion of topics to be considered

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

Members listed the following topics for discussion:

- Comprehensive plan, particularly those items called out in the Raemish memo
- Language in the ag lease document re: land characteristics as potential policy guidelines
- Review of edible landscape and terraces planting ordinances
- Review of smaller scale parcels that are available for food production
- One stop shop or pathway through city review, permitting and approval processes to enable growers to access farmland and get to work more efficiently
- City investments - locations of utilities, transportation corridors
- how much farmland within the city that the City of Madison has under some kind of control, and the regulatory flow by which parcels are developed.
- development of affordable housing alongside land access - "agri-communities".
- Planning staff summary/update on their perspective on this issue, to include info about the open space parcels that are owned by the City.

Members may provide additional suggestions after full review of the background documentation.

6. [74319](#) Adoption of Task Force rules

**Attachments:** [Task Force on Farmland Preservation Rules.pdf](#)

**The rules were approved by unanimous consent.**

7. [74322](#) Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, other officers

**Chair: Fey was nominated by Kemble, seconded by Caton Campbell. No other nominations. No objections to Fey as Chair. Meeting handed over to Fey.**

**Vice-Chair: Kemble was nominated by LeZaks, seconded by Voss. Kemble declined nomination. Volk nominated by Kemble, seconded by Caton Campbell. No objections to Volk as Vice-Chair.**

**Secretary: Kemble was nominated by Alder Evers, seconded by LeZaks. No objection to Kemble as Secretary.**

8. [74323](#) Meeting Schedule and Frequency

The Task Force will meet the Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month at 3pm for 90 minutes. No 4th Wednesday meeting in November and December.

Special evening meetings can be scheduled to accommodate public input by people who work during the day.

Next meeting: November 9, 3-4:30. Planning staff will give a presentation at the December 14 meeting.

Meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

**Approve by unanimous consent.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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