



# City of Madison

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## Agenda - Amended

### 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?*

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Wednesday, December 6, 2023

5:30 PM

VIRTUAL

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

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**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

10/18/23: <http://madison.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

[80940](#) Public Comment - MFPC 12/6/23

**DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

Members of the body should make any required disclosures or recusals under the City's Ethics Code.

**NEW BUSINESS****Presentations**

1. [80942](#) Presentation from Dane County Waste & Renewables

**REPORTS**

## REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

2. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair  
2024 MFPC Meetings will be held on the following dates:
  - January 17
  - February 21
  - March 20
  - April 17
  - May 15
  - July 17
  - August 21
  - September 18
  - October 16
  - December 4

## REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

3. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning
4. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty
5. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network
6. [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-de>  
[REGISTER IN ADVANCE](#)

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INTERIM UPDATE:**

On November 13, the Plan Commission recommended adding COMMUNITY GARDENS AND URBAN AGRICULTURE to the list of appropriate uses in the Parks & Open Space category on page 25 of the Comprehensive Plan and adding a DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY GARDENS to the Glossary (urban agriculture was already included). Unfortunately, Staff did not support the suggestions made by Rooted staff to note 6 parcels as having agriculture potential on the Generalized Future Land Use map, so neither did the Plan Commission. These recommendations were forwarded to the Common Council for its consideration on November 21, but discussion was referred to the meeting to be held on December 5th. Fey will provide an update on the Council's action at the MFPC meeting on December 6th.

**PARKS & OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE PROCESS:**

Every 5 years, the City updates its Parks & Open Space Plan (POSP). The current plan can be found here:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/documents/2018-2023%20POSP.pdf> The public engagement process is an important opportunity to advocate for “community gardens and urban agriculture”, especially given the recommendations to add this language to the over-arching Comprehensive Plan document that provides guidance for all of the City's land use planning processes. The Task Force also made a specific recommendation on this topic, Land Use Planning Recommendation #2, in its “implementation matrix” that reads: PARKS DIVISION SHOULD PROACTIVELY PLAN FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE AND ADD URBAN AGRICULTURE GOALS IN THE NEXT PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN. When more is known about the overall POSP update process, it will be shared with the MFPC – of immediate interest is a public input process for a new park that is being planned for a large area next to the Garver Feed Mill, see below.

**OLBRICH PARK NORTH PARCEL PLANNING PROCESS:**

In November, the Parks Division began a public input process to plan for what is known as the “North Parcel” of Olbrich Park, next to the Garver Feed Mill. An online survey was available from November 2-30 asking for input on 2 staff-created potential plans for the area, neither of which includes space for community gardens or urban agriculture. This is an opportunity to pro-actively plan for growing space on public land in a newly created park, and for the MFPC to press for implementation of the Task Force's Land Use Planning Recommendation #2 in an area that has not already established competing goals. The Parks Division website has lots of good information:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/olbrich-park-north-parcel-park-development-plan>. Staff will be presenting the results of the survey, taking questions and asking for input at a virtual public meeting on December 7th from 6-7:30. REGISTER IN ADVANCE

7. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District
8. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program
9. [72197](#) Community Gardens
10. [77773](#) Food System Assessment
11. [72200](#) Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice

## STAFF REPORTS

12. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist
13. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County  
With the passage by Congress of a continuing resolution to the federal budget, funding for the US Department of Agriculture is set at 2023 levels into February, 2024. This continues to place fiscal pressure on nutrition programs like WIC, which may not be able to meet rising demand without additional funding being allocated.
14. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison  
The 2024 Dane County budget is finalized, and includes \$62,500 for a Dane County food plan (this is in addition to the \$62,500 from the county from 2023; both will be combined with the USDA Regional Food System Partnership (RFSP) funding and project objectives). It also includes \$40,000 for PIE grants (increased from the \$20,000 funding in prior years).

## ADJOURNMENT