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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, December 6, 2023

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.

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- Register to answer questions.
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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Nan Fey, Sujata Gautam, Ali Mammadov, Aariya Gopal, Adam Chern

Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:32PM.

Present: 13 - Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Nicholas S. Leete; Jamie R. Bugel; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Dustin K. Lundt; Christopher G. Brockel; Taylor E. Foster; Devika J. Suri; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Sarah M. Larson and Jennifer S. Conroy

Absent: 6 - Juliana R. Bennett; Angelina Mico; Dadit G. Hidayat; Teal M. Evans; Laura G. Scandurra and Katie L. Strader

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from October 18, 2023 made by Fonkem. Second by Brockel. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Kemle introduces the development of a resolution to amend the Land Banking Policy to include “urban agriculture” as a secondary use.

Kemle introduces an item develop a resolution to update language in agricultural leases as directed by the Ag Lease memo sent by the Regional Agriculture Food System workgroup to city staff in January 2022.

Presentations

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

Dane County Waste & Renewables staff member Sujata Gautam presented about food waste reduction and the future Dane County Sustainability Campus that will succeed our current landfill.

Slides attached.

Members who are interested in being involved in campus development and stakeholder meetings opportunities can sign up for updates at landfill.countyofdane.com/projects/wasteandrenewables/sustainability-campus

REPORTS

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

2. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair

2024 meeting dates:
 - January 17
 - February 21
 - March 20
 - April 17

- May 15
- July 17
- August 21
- September 18
- October 16
- December 4

Members are reminded to submit statement of interest forms, which were sent by

We continue to be looking for new members. Please forward interest to the staff team.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

3. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning

No report.

4. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

Looking for new members.

Working on issues regarding urban hoop houses, and agricultural planning.

5. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network

Food insecurity rates remain elevated, with local emergency food partners reporting record distributions in 2023. Partners attribute this to increased food costs and an influx of new families in the area.

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-REGISTER IN ADVANCE](https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/olbrich-park-north-parcel-park-REGISTER%20IN%20ADVANCE)

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, referred to a future meeting, and passed on December 5th

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

No report.

- 8. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

Partners did not receive the USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program planning grant that they submitted for. Will try again in 2024.

Usage was lower in 2023. In 2024 benefits will only be used for fruits and vegetables.

- 9. [72197](#) Community Gardens

No report.

- 10. [77773](#) Food System Assessment

A draft of a report on emergency food system funding will be ready for sharing with the Food Council in early 2024.

A ripple effects mapping project for SEED grants was completed in late November, with results anticipated in 2024.

- 11. [72200](#) Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice

No report.

STAFF REPORTS

- 12. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

No report.

- 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

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Day Farnsworth. Second by Brockel. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:33PM.