



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, July 15, 2026

5:30 PM

Virtual

The City of Madison is holding the Madison Food Policy Council meeting in virtual format.

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Interpretation and Accessibility

Call to Order/Roll Call

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Lourdes Shanjani

Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:31PM.

Present: 15 - Bill Tishler; Julia Matthews; Nicholas S. Leete; Logan C. Morrow; Hedi L. Rudd; Josh Perkins; Noah R. Bloedorn; Christopher G. Brockel; Cathryn Herlihey; Devika J. Suri; Nina R. Comiskey; Cassandra H. Vetter; Kelsey Abad; Walter H. Strange and Nan Fey

Absent: 3 - Rebecca Kemble; Katie L. Strader and David D. Leeper

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from June made by Brockel. Second by Bloedorn.

Fey requests to be noted as absent for the meeting.

Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Public Comment

[93938](#) Public Comment: MFPC 7/15/26

None

Disclosures and Recusals

None

New Business

Special Presentation

1. [93939](#) Dane County Food System Action Plan - Update and Final Recommendations

Attachments: [DRAFT Dane County Food System Action Plan 2026 07 10.pdf](#)
[Madison Food Policy Council Presentation.pdf](#)

Bloedorn presented from the attached slides.

Update from Chair

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

Expressing appreciation to Walt Strange for his service on the MFPC.
Encouraging members to help recruit others to fill 2 vacancies.

Regular Business Reports

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

No additional updates.
4. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

Work continues on Urban Agriculture policy development.
5. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network

No report.
6. [75103](#) Farmland Preservation Task Force

Members are serving on city food production policy.

7. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District
No report.
8. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program
Program is ongoing at markets. Double Up WI program is also underway at new markets in Dane County and beyond.
9. [72197](#) Community Gardens
No report.
10. [77773](#) Food System Assessment
UW Extension welcoming new community food systems program manager

Staff Reports

11. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist
Madison Public Market is scheduled to open 7/23.
12. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County
City and County budget processes are underway, to be approved by departments. Not currently aware of any changes that would impact MFPC staff or programs, but that could still occur.
13. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison
No report.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Rudd. Second by Tishler. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:34PM.