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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, April 19, 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.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to mfpc@cityofmadison.com

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- Register to answer questions.
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Webinar ID: 821 2603 0751

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Nan Fey

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

Present: 14 - Juliana R. Bennett; Regina M. Vidaver; Nicholas S. Leete; Jamie R. Bugel; Rebecca Kemble; Dustin K. Lundt; Taylr M. Johnson; Christopher G. Brockel; Taylor E. Foster; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Teal M. Evans; Laura G. Scandurra; Katie L. Strader and Jennifer S. Conroy

Excused: 6 - Amani Latimer Burris; Hedi L. Rudd; Dadit G. Hidayat; Devika J. Suri; Sarah M. Larson and Ndemazea F. Fonkem

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from March 22 made by Conroy. Second by Foster.

Motion passed with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. [77301](#) Public Comment: MFPC 4/19/23

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Leete recuses from voting on SEED grant funding recommendations as his employer is recommended for funding.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACTION ITEMS

- 2. [77300](#) Approving 2023 SEED Grant Funding Recommendations

Attachments: [2023 FUNDING RECS MEMO SEED Grants 040623.pdf](#)
[2023 SEED Grants MFPC Pres 041923.pdf](#)

Heckman presented from the attached slides.

Foster mentioned that the workgroup will be meeting in July and other members are welcome to join.

Bugel inquires if any projects have need of a fiscal sponsor, and if not, funding memo should be corrected.

Motion to approve funding recommendations made by Vidaver. Second by Bennett. Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- 3. [77376](#) Approving submission of letter of support for REAP's USDA Regional Food System Partnership grant application

Kemble explains that REAP is taking leadership over a 2023 Regional Food System Partnership grant, and that MFPC is being requested to submit a letter of support.

Motion to approve submission of a letter of support made by Brockel. Second by Vidaver. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

WORK GROUP REPORTS

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

Food Plan workgroup is working on meeting May 2 deadline for USDA RFSP grant.
- 5. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

RAFS workgroup will now be a community group, hosted by Rooted, WI.

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)

Farmland Preservation report will be brought to MFPC in May, with hopes to have a final approval by Common Council in June.

CHAIR AND STAFF REPORTS

7. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair

Leete shares ranked priorities of MFPC from February retreat meeting. Asks members to think about what work is going on in these areas in the community, what is the role of the City, and what areas can the MFPC uniquely be involved in.

8. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

No report

9. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

Public Health Emergency will end on May 11, and COVID-19 data will likely change to reflect that. PHMDC Data Dashboard will be pared down and updated only once per week beginning May 18.

Public comments are open on a proposed rule change for expansions to Community Eligibility Provision for school meals. The rule change would lower the threshold of identified students needed to qualify for CEP from 40% to 25%.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/23/2023-05624/child-nutrition-programs-community-eligibility-provision-increasing-options-for-schools>

10. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include the last session of the FEED (Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development) virtual Spring 2023 Workshop Series: Tips for Food and Farm Business Success on April 24, 1-2pm: Successfully Find Customers for Your Food Business: Lessons from a Wisconsin Food Cooperative. The Dane County Master Gardener Plant Sale will be Sunday, May 21 from 11am-3pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

11. [72197](#) Community Gardens

No update.

- 12. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District

MMSD is working on a pilot lettuce/greens project this Rooted at Shenk and Mendota Elementary schools. Students (second and third grade) will plant seeds, transplant, and ultimately have produce included in the meals for students.

- 13. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

A new Double Dollars coordinator has been identified. The Double Dollars team is pursuing a USDA GusNIP grant to expand future funding.

- 14. [72200](#) Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice

Sheena Tesch and Abha Thakkar from Dane County Food Council will be going to Jackson, MS for in-person convening of COLP at end of April. Hosted by Mississippi Food Justice Coalition.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Bennett. Second by Day Farnsworth.
Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:23PM.**