



# 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?*

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Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to [mfpc@cityofmadison.com](mailto:mfpc@cityofmadison.com)

2. **Register for Public Comment:**

- Register to speak at the meeting.
- Register to answer questions.
- Register in support or opposition of an agenda item (without speaking).

If you want to speak at this meeting you must register. You can register at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/MeetingRegistration>. When you register to speak, you will be sent an email with the information you will need to join the virtual meeting.

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4. **Listen by Phone:**

(877) 853-5257 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 894 9014 4979

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:34PM.**

**Present:** 11 - Bill Tishler; Nicholas S. Leete; Rebecca Kemble; Mathew N. Salbego; Noah R. Bloedorn; Christopher G. Brockel; Devika J. Suri; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Kelsey Abad; David D. Leeper and Nan Fey

**Absent:** 7 - Tag Evers; Logan C. Morrow; Hedi L. Rudd; Josh Perkins; Dadit G. Hidayat; Sarah M. Larson and Katie L. Strader

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion to approve minutes from April made by Brockel. Second by Fey. Motion passed with unanimous approval.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

[88740](#) Public Comment: MFPC 6/18/25

None

**DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

None

**Report from the Chair**

1. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair  
  
Welcoming Matthew Salbego to the MFPC.  
  
Sharing information about the meeting from the FoodShed Partnership in July.

**Regular Business Reports**

2. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning  
  
Attachments: [food systems community discussion flyer \(3\).png](#)  
  
Bloedorn shared that the food plan is solidly into the community engagement phase:  
  
The Consumer Survey and dedicated Farmer Survey are live.  
  
A team of community navigators is hosting multiple events each week to table and let others know about the process.  
  
Community members can apply for funding to lead community engagement sessions with focus groups. Dane County Farmers Market recently did this. You can apply for funding here.  
  
Project has launched a biweekly newsletter available at <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/community-food-systems/dane-county-food-action-plan/facplan-newsletters/>  
  
Upcoming Town Hall events (see attachment):
  - ☐ June 25 at UW South Madison Partnership building
  - ☐ July 22 at Brix Cider – 5:30-7:00PM  
Dane County Food Collective is also involved in the work and has multiple committees that can potentially serve to advance areas of work. Reach out to [noahb@reapfoodgroup.org](mailto:noahb@reapfoodgroup.org) if interested.
3. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty  
  
Heckman and Fey met with Staff who have continued working on revisions to

the City's leases after conversations with the current lessees raised some issues with what was being proposed in March. Key areas of concern were requirements for Nutrient Management Plans that can be costly, tillage methods that require specialized equipment, and pesticide restrictions. While additional information may be needed before approaching farmers with revisions that address their concerns, consensus was reached to a point where those revisions can be made with the understanding that each lease will need to be tailored to the conditions of each property and Dane County Land & Water Department staff can be consulted on agricultural practices. Staff expects to introduce the revised lease in time for referrals to Board of Public Works on 9/3, Finance Committee on 9/8, Board of Park Commissioners on 9/10, and MFPC on 9/17 with a goal of Council approval on October 7th and leases signed with farmers by the end of October.

City staff have subsequently finished their draft language and are planning to share with lease holders for feedback.

4. [77772](#)

Dane Food Access Network

**Attachments:** [Map the Meal Gap slides Dane County 2025.pdf](#)

Suri presented from the attached slides.

View Dane County Food Insecurity Report for more information on this topic:  
[https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/food\\_insecurity\\_dane\\_county.pdf](https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/food_insecurity_dane_county.pdf)

Heckman provided additional details about proposed SNAP changes in the federal budget reconciliation process.

5. [75103](#)

Farmland Preservation Task Force

No report

6. [72198](#)

Madison Metropolitan School District

No report

7. [72199](#)

Double Dollars Program

Double Dollars season is underway at local farmers markets in Dane County

8. [72197](#)

Community Gardens

Rooted will be at different markets in Dane County to deliver workshops for community gardens. More info at [rooted.com](https://rooted.com).

9. [77773](#)

Food System Assessment

No report

**Staff Reports**

10. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

No report

11. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

No report

12. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

**Workshop: Profitability of Your Mobile Food Business. Saturday, June 21st, 2025, 8:30am - 1:00pm. Location: The Urban League Black Business Hub, 2352 South Park Street, Madison, WI, 53713. First-come, first-serve, and classroom space is limited, so please register today at [https://app.associationsphere.com/Event/EventInfo?prm=Pker8bULFk9fHwY2RKX8MsJITCU5jK9ruUWLS35tJ8eghHCG37f978C7SkV8WAFrkxuSxtFLDgR3VB9Fz6ps-B4vZK4frzvBAXJiUpKF4g0pl7YTxr4TryoIQQpspu48AqwZam6caWSBLqEMQ5OYUk1LBYYf0-J8MjEMCgIKTD44wETPpvZz5BD0Q\\_tsnWsZXt-u0go2vqNauU45\\_xlqqcYpO\\_xi1RF-1KNuS6BCAal5k5TvEyXjV6wVcHilwf00](https://app.associationsphere.com/Event/EventInfo?prm=Pker8bULFk9fHwY2RKX8MsJITCU5jK9ruUWLS35tJ8eghHCG37f978C7SkV8WAFrkxuSxtFLDgR3VB9Fz6ps-B4vZK4frzvBAXJiUpKF4g0pl7YTxr4TryoIQQpspu48AqwZam6caWSBLqEMQ5OYUk1LBYYf0-J8MjEMCgIKTD44wETPpvZz5BD0Q_tsnWsZXt-u0go2vqNauU45_xlqqcYpO_xi1RF-1KNuS6BCAal5k5TvEyXjV6wVcHilwf00). This workshop is a collaboration between the Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, UW-Extension Community Food Systems, and Food Finance Institute.**

**Dane County 2025 Partners in Equity Grants. \$41,345 will be awarded to recipients of the 2025 PIE Food Grant. The twelve 2025 grant recipients are the Allied Food Pantry ARC – Community Services Inc./ARC Outpatient Services , Horizon High School, Lakeview Community School, Marshall Public Schools, Mount Horeb Farmers Market, Native Food Network, Project Home, Inc., REAP Food Group, Sunshine Place, Sustain Dane Inc. and Waunakee Neighborhood Connection. Press release: <https://www.danecounty.gov/PressDetail/11622>**

**New free, 24/7 Dane County food scrap drop-off sites launched June 1st. Four Food Scrap Stop drop-offs will be open for use beginning June 1st including kiosks at: Warner Park and the Henry Vilas Zoo in the City of Madison, the Quarry Skate Park in the City of Middleton, and the Public Works building in Village of McFarland. The Food Scrap Stop located at the Badger Prairie Needs Network in the City of Verona will open by August 1st. Residents may also drop off food scraps in the orange collection carts located at the Dane County Landfill during operating hours. Press release: <https://www.danecounty.gov/PressDetail/11621>**

**Announcements**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Day Farnsworth. Second by Leeper. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:30 PM.**