



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft TASK FORCE ON FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

3:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Tag Evers; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Rebecca Kemble; Nan Fey; Mark Voss;
Alison Volk; Marcia Caton-Campbell and Yimmuj Yang

Absent: 1 - Erik Paulson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Evers, seconded by LeZaks, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [74321](#) Public Comment for the Task Force on Farmland Preservation
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

RESOURCES

- [74519](#) Documents Related to the Task Force on Farmland Preservation

Attachments: [Resources Index](#)
[TFFP Background 10-26-22.pdf](#)
[Food & Economic Development Strategy.pdf](#)
[Food & Farmland Comp Plan Strategies.pdf](#)
[Comprehensive Plan Maps.pdf](#)

This is a repository of documents we will be using in the course of our work. Staff shared their screen and showed the Legistar items related to the Task Force, including meetings, agendas, and the resource page of linked documents.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [74520](#) Farmland Preservation - Discussion of Terms

Attachments: [Link to Farmland Information Center](#)

Task Force members discussed elements of a potential working definition of Farmland Preservation.

3. [74343](#) Discussion of topics to be considered

Attachments: [TFFP Background.pdf](#)

- Definition of Farmland Preservation for the purpose of this Task Force
- How can we make temporary growing spaces on city-owned vacant land?
- Soil quality - remediation and contamination issues.
- Is there a city policy about growing on brownfield sites? Does the city have a definition of brownfields?
- Model farmland preservation policies from other cities
- What information went into the Comp Plan maps and how were their terms defined, e.g. Productive Agriculture Soils and Natural Limitations for Building Site Development?
- Accessibility of farmland to urban growers (transportation connections)
- Where are the city-owned parcels that could be used for growing purposes?
- Potential presentation from www.farmlandinfo.org - national clearinghouse of information on farmland preservation.
- What metrics do we want to see in policy recommendations? Who is farming in the city, How many, Demographics, Economic benefits to growers? Can we quantify the impacts of any policies coming out of this Task Force?
- Discussion of relevant sections in current update of Sustainability Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Evers, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Future meeting dates:

December 14, 2022
January 11 and 25, 2023
February 8 and 22
March 8 and 22
(April 12 and 26)
(May 10 and 24)