



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved TASK FORCE ON FARMLAND PRESERVATION

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Wednesday, January 25, 2023

3:00 PM

Virtual Zoom

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 8 - Tag Evers; Erik Paulson; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Rebecca Kemble; Nan Fey; Mark Voss; Alison Volk and Marcia Caton Campbell
- Excused:** 1 - Yimmuj Yang

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fey suggested that the Announcement section of the Minutes be amended to reflect that all Task Force members had submitted their Financial Statements for 2023.

**A motion was made by Evers, seconded by LeZaks, to Approve the Minutes for the meeting of January 11, 2023 as amended. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [74321](#) Public Comment for the Task Force on Farmland Preservation  
No public comment

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals

### RESOURCES

2. [74519](#) Documents Related to the Task Force on Farmland Preservation

### NEW BUSINESS

None

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [75413](#) Overview of Task Force Process

Chair Fey detailed the background work to be completed by the Task Force by the end of March, synthesizing its findings and recommendations in April, and the need to request an extension of time by the Common Council for submission of its report in May. Fey also described the Charter and Reporting documents that will be utilized to maintain focus on the topics & questions identified by the Task Force.

4. [74343](#) Discussion of topics to be considered

Chair Fey reported that the Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Work Group of the Madison Food Policy Council has requested adding the issue of "farmland loss" to the list of Topics and will explore with Planning staff how this might be mapped within the City, perhaps by searching for parcels that were rezoned from "ag and temporary ag" to development in the last 20 years. This issue will be added to the Categorized List of Topics and Questions.

Task Force members formed three work teams to conduct research as often as needed and report back their findings to the Task Force at its regular meetings:

- Land Access & Tenure: Voss, Yang, Volk
- Land Characteristics: Caton Campbell, Paulson, LeZaks
- Policy Review: Evers, Fey, Kemble

## ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Evers, seconded by LeZaks, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.**

## Future Meeting Dates

February 8 and 22  
March 8 and 22  
(April 12 and 26)  
(May 10 and 24)