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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, June 17, 2026 **5:30 PM** **Virtual**

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Interpretation and Accessibility

Call to Order/Roll Call

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, George Reistad, Maneisha Lewis, Steve Ventura, Cordelia Fantova, Elizabeth Lucht, Jim Merett, Violeta Maria Calderon, Maria Seguin, Lourdes Shanjani

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

Present: 13 - Bill Tishler; Julia Matthews; Nicholas S. Leete; Logan C. Morrow; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Noah R. Bloedorn; Christopher G. Brockel; Cathryn Herlihey; Nina R. Comiskey; Walter H. Strange; Katie L. Strader and David D. Leeper

Absent: 5 - Josh Perkins; Devika J. Suri; Cassendra H. Vetter; Kelsey Abad and Nan Fey

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comment

93563 Public Comment: MFPC 6/17/26

None

Disclosures and Recusals

Brockel discloses that FEED Kitchens has provided some technical assistance to the operators of Bread & Butter, LLC but does stand to gain financially from their HRAP application.

New Business

Action Item

1. 93561 HRAP Funding Recommendation - Bread & Butter, LLC

Attachments: BnB HRAP App Package_060426_Reduced.pdf
Bread and Butter_HRAP Pres_2026.pdf
HRAP RT - Bread and Butter LLC Funding Recs Memo 060426_FINA

Reistad presented from the attached slides.

Bloedorn moves to approve the funding recommendation. Herlihey Seconds.

Brockel shares that FEED has 85 commercial vendors. There is no more food truck space, and minimal ability to support new businesses. More shared commercial kitchen space will be welcome.

Reistad shares that HRAP will have another $120k in the fund for 2026 if this proposal is approved.

Bloedorn expresses gratitude to the Bread & Butter team for developing this project and congratulates the HRAP team on providing support for infrastructure projects.

Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Special Presentation

2. 93562 Food Production on City-owned Land - Agroecology Analysis

Attachments: MFPC Agroecology Slides 06 17 2026.pptx

Ventura and Lewis presented about a parcel analysis of city-owned properties with urban agriculture potential.

Lewis and Ventura answered questions about specific properties.

Leete mentions that Rooted other organizations like Urban Triage and Groundswell Conservancy are involved in developing a pipeline of potential farmers.

Update from the Chair

3. 72741 Madison Food Policy Council Chair

Introducing new member Ald. Julia Matthews.

Regular Business Reports

4. 72192 Regional Food System Planning

Food Plan has received reviews and is working on final draft. Will be available as a narrative document and website.

5. 72193 Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

The committee has been working on the urban agriculture policy, with hope to release later this year.

6. 77772 Dane Food Access Network

No report

7. 75103 Farmland Preservation Task Force

No report

8. 72198 Madison Metropolitan School District

No report

9. 72199 Double Dollars Program

Double Dollars market season began distributing on June 1. Community Action Coalition is working with Wisconsin Nutrition Incentive Network on a pilot of a statwide version of Double Dollars called Double Up Bucks.

10. 72197 Community Gardens

No report

11. 77773 Food System Assessment

No report

Staff Reports

12. 72194 Business Development Specialist

Madison Public Market is scheduled to open 7/23. In the Wednesdays leading up to this, there will be pop-up events at the building that are open to the public through 7/10.

13. 72195 Public Health Madison & Dane County

City and County budgets have both projected reductions for agencies.

14. 72196 Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

No report

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Bloedorn. Second by Kemble. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 7:12PM.