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Meeting Minutes - Draft MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Convened by Chair Anderson at 5:32 PM

Present: 20 - Rebecca Kemble; Max Prestigiacomo; Arvina Martin; Erica C. Anderson; Olajumoke O. Falomo; Allison M. Dopf; Dustin K. Lundt; Christopher G. Brockel; Henry D. Aschauer; Hedi L. Rudd; Jennifer N. Lam; Jamie R. Bugel; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Claire Mance; Teal M. Staniforth; Devika J. Suri; Sarah M. Larson; Regina M. Vidaver; Aaron M. Kelly and Benjamin E. Rush

Excused: 1 - Alma T. Horlock

Others present: George Reistad, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey, Jess Guffey-Calkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the previous minutes made by Day Farnsworth. Second by Brockel. Motion accepted by unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OPENING COMMENTS

- 1 [60387](#) Food Systems Response During COVID-19 - Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor
- City of Madison

This Presentation was Receive

DISCUSSION ON CURRENT STRUCTURE AND CHANGES

- 2 [60388](#) Review Current Madison Food Policy Council Structure and Discuss Potential
Changes

Attachments: [MFPC COVID-19 Framework 043020 FINAL WORKING DRAFT.pdf](#)

Chair Anderson walks through the attached document.

Comments:

- Reistad: The workgroup structure offers flexibility for this work.
- Rudd: This provides the opportunity for MFPC to be a clearinghouse. Badger Rock could be another asset for the work that needs to be done as school is not currently in session.
- Larson: Figuring out next steps is valuable for food systems folks who are engaged in time-sensitive work. The framework resonates with community needs.
- Alder Prestigiacomo: Looking forward to incentivizing sustainability long-term. Important to factor marginalized and undocumented communities into our work.
- Day Farnsworth: Can we have folks self-organize into the groups they are most interested in? What key partners can we involve from outside of the FPC? I see work of HRAP being involved in Pandemic Food Access and Food Recovery and Resilience workgroups, particularly the terminal market study.
- Reistad: HRAP surplus funding from FY2018 is \$112,000. FY2020 funds (\$150,000) are at the moment still available and may be used for retail projects.
- Brockel: Food system workers (restaurant, grocery, farmers) are not represented in the framework. Small food businesses such as food carts are among some of the most vulnerable to business closures.
- Lam: There is a lot of untapped potential in small groups and organizations that want to help that could be coordinated by the MFPC.
- Rush: How can we map the resources and connections of the MFPC members? It would be valuable to have an inventory of skills and expertise.
- Anderson: How will these workgroups function without being duplicative?
 - o Scoping documents and facilitation can help keep workgroups on task.
- Day Farnsworth: Will assemble a survey of workgroup interest and individual skills.

Motion to accept recommendation to form new workgroups as outlined in the MFPC COVID-19 Framework made by Brockel. Second by Larson. Motion passed by unanimous approval.

Workgroups will be meeting in short order, with further direction from Reistad.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

3 [60389](#) Community Gardens Update May 2020

Water management policies are being explored by the City to support equity and increasing capacity of garden programs. Rooted and gardens have been sharing information about healthy best practices to reduce virus transmission.

Badger Rock Community Center has seen significant increase in use.

4 [60390](#) Dane County Food Council May 2020

Attachments: [PublicComment-RegistrantsReport_MFPC 050620.pdf](#)

First meeting centered on COVID-19 response will be conducted on May 27.

PIE grants were awarded in April.

5 [60391](#) Food Policy Director Update May 2020

ACDS LLC terminal market study has been looking at popup terminal market that could help increase the capacity for local agriculture aggregation and distribution.

SEED Grants were approved by Madison Common Council in April. \$50,000 dispersed to 13 recipients.

Heckman and Reistad have been convening weekly food access and distribution stakeholders calls to for emergency food providers, school districts, senior feeding programs, and community groups.

US Conference of Mayors Food Policy Workgroup has been allowing Madison to connect to national network of policy solutions.

6 [60392](#) Madison Metropolitan School District May 2020

MMSD has been providing meals to families and students, averaging over 18,000 meals/week for the last 8 weeks. There are 14 sites in the city, with a 15th soon to be added. There have been efforts to identify local gaps.

Meals will be served through August.

7 [60393](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County May 2020

PHMDC's response to the COVID-19 crisis has been to establish an "Incident Command Structure" that outlines operational response, disease testing and tracking, planning, and work with community partners. Through this structure, Nick Heckman is serving as the liaison to our food system, continuing to focus on food access, federal nutrition policy, and food security issues.

8 [60394](#) Public Market Development Committee May 2020

Has not met since pandemic outbreak, but the City is moving forward with the permitting process.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

9 [60395](#) Future Meeting Schedule - Work Groups and Madison Food Policy Council

Workgroup planning and schedule will be sent out by Reistad.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Vidaver. Second by Brockel. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 7:37p