



# 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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Tuesday, February 9, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Convened by Chair Anderson at 6:04 PM.

**Present:** 14 - Rebecca Kemble; Nicholas S. Leete; Erica C. Anderson; Dustin K. Lundt; Christopher G. Brockel; Hedi L. Rudd; Jennifer N. Lam; Jamie R. Bugel; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Teal M. Staniforth; Devika J. Suri; Sarah M. Larson; Benjamin E. Rush and Alma T. Horlock

**Excused:** 3 - Max Prestigiacomo; Arvina Martin and Regina M. Vidaver

**Others Present:** George Reistad, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey, Jess Guffey Calkins, Amy Adler, Bill Warner, Marcia Caton Campbell, Dan Cornelius, Donale Richards, Sup. Michele Ritt, Sup. Julie Schwellenbach, Sheena Tesch

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Day Farnsworth, seconded by Lam, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

None

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[64100](#)

Anderson Farm County Park project presentation - Sheena Tesch (Rooted, Dane County Food Council Vice-Chair)

**Attachments:** [Annual Report - Rooted Extension Anderson 2021.pdf](#)

Presentation followed the attached slides.

Fey: These gardens supply food for a significant number of people. Rooted's collaboration will help these groups.

Q: How is transportation to this remote locale being supported?

Tesch: Various supports and infrastructures from Rooted, Troy, and Farley Center are being used to help identify farmers and get them situated with the farm.

## WORK GROUP REPORTS

[64101](#) Food Access, Relief, and Economic Support Work Group - February 2021

No report.

[64102](#) Food Systems Recovery and Resilience - February 2021

Working on updates to the plan of work, including preparation for food system planning efforts.

[64103](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty - February 2021

Work progresses in subgroups.

City-owned land leases continue to be examined for potential opportunities for urban agriculture.

## STAFF REPORTS

[64104](#) Business Development Specialist, Food Systems - February 2021

Community Food Access Grants closed on Fri 1/29 @ 5p. Staff received 43 applications requesting \$834,485 (from a \$150,000 funding pot). Because of the volume of applications, staff established seven 2-person review teams consisting of MFPC members and community experts to offer initial evaluation of the proposals. Work Group Chairs are meeting with staff tomorrow AM to discuss a process of deliberation of the proposals received at the February work group meetings. Work Group meetings re: grants discussion will be held the week of February 22nd. Grants will be approved at the 3/9 MFPC-DCFC meeting.

Good news -- there is interest from the EDA in the MPM project and we have received favorable comments on the proposal we submitted on October 15. A collaborative team consisting of City staff, Madison Public Market Foundation board members, and ACDS, LLC are working to provide more information to

Economic Development Administration staff on the City's EDA application for the Madison Public Market. That team will continue to provide updates to the PMDC and this group as we learn more about the funding status of the project in the coming weeks.

The Terminal Market project is in a position of determining a route forward. Right now, Local Team members are in the process of figuring out our next steps and that seems to be revolving around exploring how to get the issue of local/regional aggregation and distribution on the radar of folks working on ag issues at the state level and higher (DATCP, etc).

**64105**

Public Health Madison & Dane County - February 2021

Dane County's COVID-19 situation has dramatically improved in the last month. We are now under 1.9% positive tests. Meanwhile, over 11% of Dane County residents including 35% of seniors over age 65 have now been vaccinated. Unfortunately, Dane County continues to not receive the amount of vaccine that it is requesting.

PHMDC has released Emergency Order #13, which furthers a step-wise re-opening process by increasing gathering limits indoors and outside. Sports are now allowed, although masks are required if sports are indoors or social distancing cannot be kept.

**64106**

Extension Dane County UW-Madison - February 2021

Partners in Equity – Food Grants received 29 applications requesting over \$89,000. Review team will look over applications in coming weeks, with awardees expected to be listed in March.

**REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS****64107**

Community Gardens - February 2021

Helping run the Wisconsin Community Garden conference this weekend (Feb 12th and 13th). Continuing to work with garden organizers to do a more covid-safe registration and coordinating with a few different community groups on garden creation and expansion.

**64108**

Madison Metropolitan School District - February 2021

On February 1, we made a change to our meal boxes. We moved from five days of breakfast and lunch in each meal box to seven days to better meet the needs of our community. The box stayed the same size, but we now freeze the meal box to help preserve freshness of the meals. Families now receive an additional bag that contains fresh produce.

We also started another neighborhood route for box distribution, with continued partnership from Badger Bus in assisting transporting meals. On Friday's we are at the Boys & Girls Club on Allied Drive from 10:40-11:10 and at Reach Dane from 11:15-11:45. In the two weeks we have had these sites, we have averaged 1260 meals.

[64109](#)

Public Market Development Committee - February 2021

No update.

## ADJOURNMENT