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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?*

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Anderson at 5:34 PM.

Present: 13 - Yannette Figueroa Cole; Arvina Martin; Nicholas S. Leete; Jamie R. Bugel; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Dustin K. Lundt; Christopher G. Brockel; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Teal M. Staniforth; Laura G. Scandurra; Erica C. Anderson and Jennifer S. Conroy

Excused: 5 - Regina M. Vidaver; Kirsten E. Moore; Devika J. Suri; Sarah M. Larson and Benjamin E. Rush

Others Present: Nick Heckman, Nan Fey, Chair Bill Warner, Marcia Caton Campbell, Daniel Cornelius, Shirley Nennig, Donale Richards, Sup. Michelle Ritt, Sheena Tesch, Abha Thakkar

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve previous MFPC minutes made by Kemble. Second by Brockel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September meeting will be one week later than usual: September 29.

NEW BUSINESS - PRESENTATION

- 1 [66989](#) Reinvigorating the Role of the MFPC and DCFC in Analyzing, Revising, and Recommending Ordinances and Other Legislation - Rebecca Kemble/Nan Fey

Kemble and Fey propose three topics for members to be thinking about concerning how the Councils can move policy work forward and who is

interested and/or best positioned to advance this work. Discussion to occur in September.

1. Leases on City-Owned agricultural acres – Background work on this issue began several years ago, consider preparing a policy memo to submit to staff, Mayor and Common Council with recommendations on changes in language and standards.
2. Urban Agriculture zoning provisions – There have been numerous requests for tweaks to the 2012 ordinances; collect community input and consider submitting a policy memo with recommendations to Plan Commission and/or other audiences.
3. Land Use guidance– Exploring what can be done to support agricultural land beyond shift it to development. Issue was raised during the 2018 Comprehensive Plan process, but MFPC was not able to fully integrate its priorities into that process and would seek to go further.

Initial discussions may occur at the Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty (RAFS) meeting on 8/20, with all council members invited to join.

WORK GROUP REPORTS

- 2 [66990](#) Food Access, Relief, and Economic Support Work Group - August 2021

FARES met on 8/9 and discussed changing the Charter document. This document now reflects changes to the focus on grant review. Additionally, the workgroup is looking to match evaluation responses from past grant cycles to a master list of HRAP projects. Next meeting 8/23 at 3:00PM.

- 3 [66991](#) Food Plan Work Group - August 2021

Group is waiting to hear if USDA or County funding requests will be selected for funding. Discussed which projects to prioritize, most likely the County proposal, but did not specify or rank during the meeting on 7/28. The goal is to prepare a list of projects that can be shared with those who participated in the group before it focused its efforts on grant-writing, and enlist their help with projects to advance the groups work whether or not the grants are funded.

- 4 [66992](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Work Group - August 2021

Wayne Thompson from Fitchburg will be coming to RAFS on 8/20 at noon to discuss proposed Ag Park. There will also be discussion on the Land Tenure team about taking on the Leases on City-Owned Lands and Urban Agriculture Zoning provision review.

STAFF REPORTS

- 5 [66993](#) Business Development Specialist, Food Systems - August 2021

No report

- 6 [66994](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County - August 2021

COVID-19 Delta Variant cases have increased dramatically since July. Currently, Dane County cases are stable from the previous week, with hospitalizations and individuals in the ICU have continued to increase from recent weeks.

Dane County has re-issued an indoor masking mandate through September 16.

Pop-up vaccination clinics are winding down at the end of August. Third shot vaccine boosters look like they will be made available for individuals in coming weeks/months (8 months after second doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines). FDA approval expected in September or October. Youth vaccines (under age 12) expected by end of 2021.

- 7 [66995](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison - August 2021

No report.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

- 8 [66996](#) Community Gardens - August 2021

Continuing monthly meetings with garden organizers. Working with various parties on land tenure issue.

Marlborough Garden on Madison's South side will be having a 50th anniversary party on 9/11/2021 at 11:30AM.

- 9 [66997](#) Madison Metropolitan School District - August 2021

Summer feeding program concluded on 8/13. Participation increased significantly in 2021 versus previous summers. Preparing for upcoming school semester.

- 10 [66998](#) Double Dollars Program - August 2021

SNAP participation has increased, which has increased the issuance of benefits significantly this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Day Farnsworth at 6:17 PM. Second by Leete.