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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, August 17, 2022

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Nan Fey, Alder Tag Evers, Heather Stouder, Ndemazea Fonkem

Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at 5:35 by Chair Leete.

Present: 14 - Yannette Figueroa Cole; Regina M. Vidaver; William Tishler; Nicholas S. Leete; Jamie R. Bugel; Rebecca Kemble; Christopher G. Brockel; Kirsten E. Moore; Taylor E. Foster; Devika J. Suri; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Jennifer S. Conroy; Alma T. Horlock and Taylr M. Johnson

Excused: 5 - Hedi L. Rudd; Dadit G. Hidayat; Teal M. Evans; Laura G. Scandurra and Sarah M. Larson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve MFPC minutes from May with an amendment that the adjournment was made due to a failure to reach quorum made by Kemble. Second by Day Farnsworth.

Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Motion to approve MFPC minutes from June made by Day Farnsworth with the amendment that slides be attached to Legistar 72190 as promised. Second by Vidaver.

Motion passes with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [73149](#) Public Comment MFPC 8/17/2022
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

2. [72997](#) ~~BY TITLE ONLY~~ Establishing the Task Force on Farmland Preservation

Attachments: [SMC Email Comment 8.22.2022 72997 Ellinger.pdf](#)
[SMC Email Comment 8.22.2022 72997 Cannon.pdf](#)
[8-29-22 Planning Division Memo-FPTF.pdf](#)
[72997 v1.pdf](#)

Presentation on the attached resolution by Kemble. Additional context provided by alders Evers and Figueroa Cole.

Vidaver: Why is the size of the group constituted of 7 individuals and two alternates?

Kemble: Workgroup on government engagement has shown that smaller groups can have more active participation

Figueroa Cole: What will “Self organized” mean in the context of staffing this task force?

Kemble: technical assistance is being sought for support with Legistar and Zoom

Motion made by Brockel to establish the Task Force on Farmland Preservation. Second by Conroy. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

3. [73209](#) Authorizing the Madison Food Policy Council chair to re-send Raemish Farm memo to Plan Commission with regards to legislative file 72876

Attachments: [Raemisch Farm Cover Letter-Memo MFPC-DCFC 021622.pdf](#)
[File ID 72876](#)
[Updated MFPC Regional Agriculture Memo 8.17.22-5.docx](#)
[Clean Copy of Updated MFPC Regional Agriculture Memo 8.17.22-2.pdf](#)

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Q: Figueroa Cole: Do we have a summary of changes from the previous development proposal to the current one?

- o Kemble: changes are summarized in the second paragraph of the memo.
- o Stouder: The developer had previously mentioned that they were working with a non-profit organization to explore possible use of a portion of the property for agricultural use. While they did not reach agreement with that particular organization, the development team is now proposing to maintain an undeveloped outlot on the western portion of the property next to North Sherman Avenue in Agriculture zoning. The outlot contains a wetland and also 8 acres of land available for agriculture use (for comparison, the community gardens and community supported agriculture farm at Troy Gardens together comprise approximately 9 acres.)

Q: Brockel: What are the next steps?

- o Kemble: This will go to the Plan Commission on 8/29 and the Common Council on 9/6.

Q: Vidaver: The previous version of the memo recommended to place the proposal on file without prejudice. This has allowed the developers to resubmit. Is there consideration for filing with prejudice instead?

o Leete: Would advocate for filing without prejudice to support ongoing negotiations.

Stouder: Planning staff do see this proposal as aligned with Madison's adopted plans and development goals of the community. The current development team has been acting in good faith to provide not only the recommended development on the site, but undeveloped spaces such as a school forest area and now a sizable portion of the property for future agriculture use. This could be a rare opportunity to achieve multiple goals.

Leete: Rooted has conducted an ongoing survey of growers since 2019.

Stouder: Raemisch property is a 60-acre infill site surrounded by development on three sides and with easy access to urban services. The site has long been recommended for development with predominantly housing and some commercial use. The elementary school immediately to the south would be able to have more students within easy walking distance if the site were developed with the mix of residential uses proposed.

Meanwhile, within City limits today, there are approximately 10,800 acres of land zoned Agriculture. Over half of that is recommended for future development in the Comprehensive Plan, but 43% is planned for long-term park and open space uses. If we are trying to find land suitable for larger-scale agricultural uses within city limits, there are likely options elsewhere that do not directly compete with high-priority city goals and clear development recommendations

Motion to authorize MFPC chair to re-send the Raemisch Farm memo to the Plan Commission made by Kemble. Second by Brockel. Request for roll call vote made by Bugel.

Motion passes with a vote of 8 in favor, 3 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

Absent: 2 - William Tishler and Alma T. Horlock

Ayes: 7 - Yannette Figueroa Cole; Nicholas S. Leete; Rebecca Kemble; Christopher G. Brockel; Taylar E. Foster; Jennifer S. Conroy and Taylor M. Johnson

Noes: 3 - Jamie R. Bugel; Kirsten E. Moore and Devika J. Suri

Abstentions: 2 - Regina M. Vidaver and Lindsey Day Farnsworth

Excused: 5 - Hedi L. Rudd; Dadit G. Hidayat; Teal M. Evans; Laura G. Scandurra and Sarah M. Larson

WORK GROUP REPORTS

4. [72191](#) Food Access, Relief, and Econ Support

No report

5. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning

A subcommittee is working with Sift Consulting to move forward with the pandemic look-back study. Group will apply for another USDA grant in the spring.

6. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

No report

CHAIR AND STAFF REPORTS

7. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair

New members or existing members, please let chair or staff know if you have interest in joining a work group. Additionally, items can be brought up in the “New Business” section of the meeting agenda

Reminder of the in-person networking event on Wednesday August 31 at Badger Rock Neighborhood Center.

8. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

No report

9. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

Updates provided related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

10. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

Edible Startup Summit will be held virtually November 14-15, 2022. Registration will open soon.

Healthy Retail Access Program evaluation will presented to MFPC in September.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

11. [72197](#) Community Gardens

No update

12. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District

Resumed conversation with Sustain Dane on implementing and expanding recycling in the cafeteria this upcoming school year.

13. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

Summer 2022 has seen high levels of participation across the farmers markets.

14. [72200](#) Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice

Kirsten Moore shared the attached slides.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcements

Black Restaurant Week is ongoing through 8/20.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Moore. Second by Vidaver. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 7:05 PM.