



City of Madison

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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, May 15, 2024

5:30 PM

VIRTUAL

The City of Madison is holding the Madison Food Policy Council meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to mfpc@cityofmadison.com

2. **Register for Public Comment:**

- Register to speak at the meeting.
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(877) 853-5257 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 858 3860 8394

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, George Reistad, Nan Fey, Martee Mikalsen, Vu Tran, Namgyal Ponsar

Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:32PM.

Present: 14 - Juliana R. Bennett; Regina M. Vidaver; Nicholas S. Leete; Jamie R. Bugel; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Angelina Mico; Dustin K. Lundt; Noah R. Bloedorn; Christopher G. Brockel; Devika J. Suri; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Teal M. Evans and Katie L. Strader

Excused: 4 - Tag Evers; Dadit G. Hidayat; Sarah M. Larson and Ndemazea F. Fonkem

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from April 17, 2024 made by Mico. Second by Brockel. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[83358](#) MFPC Public Comment 5/15/24

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Brockel discloses that he works with Martee Mikalsen, who is a consultant to the City for the HRAP applications. He is unfamiliar with the A-Mart application. He recuses from voting on the Little Tibet application due to an affiliation with the organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

1. [83356](#) Approval of Healthy Retail Access Program funding recommendation for Little Tibet Market and Café

Attachments: [Little Tibet HRAP App FINAL_042924.pdf](#)
[HRAP WG - Little Tibet Market and Cafe-A-Mart Asian Grocery Funding Rec:](#)

Reistad presents from the attached memo.

Rudd expresses gratitude for the thoughtfulness of the proposal and how the business will work together with other local businesses including former HRAP application, Madison Oriental Market, co-located at the same shopping center.

Motion to approve the funding recommendation made by Rudd. Second by Vidaver. Motion passes with unanimous approval.
2. [83357](#) Approval of Healthy Retail Access Program funding recommendation for A-Mart Asian Grocery

Attachments: [A-Mart HRAP App FINAL_050624.pdf](#)
[HRAP WG - Little Tibet Market and Cafe-A-Mart Asian Grocery Funding Rec:](#)

Reistad presents from the attached memo.

Mikalsen speaks to Tran's leadership across other small businesses, including Gooh Grocery, and indicates that his application will increase opportunities for value-added product at A-Mart.

Motion to approve the funding recommendation made by Mico. Second by Vidaver. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Report from the Chair

3. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair

MFPC has now officially reduced in size, which has lowered the requirement for quorum and eliminated several vacant positions. Continue to welcome individuals who may be interested in joining the Council to fill future vacancies.

Regular Business Reports

4. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning

Group continues to strategize around its community engagement process, which is slated to begin this summer.

If individuals are interested in being involved or informing the process, they are invited to reach out to Noah Bloedorn

5. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

No report

6. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network

Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap data update for 2022 was updated today.

Attachment:

MMG 2022 Food Insecurity in Dane County.pdf

Suri presented from the attached slides.

7. [75103](#) Farmland Preservation Task Force

The land banking policy was updated to reflect changes recommended by MFPC in March.

Parks and open space planning process meeting was held this month. Fey provided input that reinforces opportunities to expand growing space.

Olbrich Garden North Parcel development plan was approved.

Fey inquires about the agricultural lease changes that were passed by Common Council in March. Reistad says that the Economic Development Division is aware of these changes and hopes to address them soon.

8. [72198](#) Madison Metropolitan School District

Summer feeding program is underway.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

9. [72199](#) Double Dollars Program

Summer Double Dollars season will begin in June.

10. [72197](#) Community Gardens

No report.

11. [77773](#) Food System Assessment

SEED Evaluation Report is currently being reviewed by SEED Workgroup.

Baseline and operator interviews for HRAP have been conducted for Gooh Grocery and Bombay Bazaar.

Staff Reports

12. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

Food Finance Institute is engaging with HRAP owners and operators.

Madison Public Market construction is underway and on schedule.

13. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

Public Health has activated its incident command structure for measles. Thus far, only one case (now resolved) has been identified in Dane County.

14. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

No report.

Announcements

- June 26 – Dane County Food Council is going to host a panel by our members who were involved in the Johns Hopkins Community of Learning & Practice effort.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Vidaver. Second by Day Farnsworth.
Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:24PM.