



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?*

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

5:30 PM

Virtual

The City of Madison is holding the Madison Food Policy Council meeting in virtual format.

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Interpretation and Accessibility

Call to Order/Roll Call

Others Present: Nicholas Heckman, Casey Hart, Lourdes Shanjani, Meghan Blake-Horst

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

Present: 14 - Bill Tishler; Tag Evers; Nicholas S. Leete; Hedi L. Rudd; Josh Perkins; Noah R. Bloedorn; Christopher G. Brockel; Cathryn Herlihey; Nina R. Comiskey; Cassandra H. Vetter; Kelsey Abad; Walter H. Strange; David D. Leeper and Nan Fey

Absent: 4 - Logan C. Morrow; Rebecca Kemble; Devika J. Suri and Katie L. Strader

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from February made by Fey. Second by Vetter.
Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Public Comment

[92645](#) Public Comment: MFPC 4/15/26

None

Disclosures and Recusals

None

New Business

Presentation

1. [92646](#) Street Vending Program Presentation

Blake-Horst presented from the attached presentation.

Members asked questions related to licensure. Data provided related to scope of street vending and Carts in Parks program.

Update from the Chair

2. [72741](#) Madison Food Policy Council Chair

MFPC has a vacancy and is continuing to seek out new members.

Regular Business Reports

3. [72192](#) Regional Food System Planning

The team is working on drafting the food plan and compiling assessment. Beginning process to plan for a USDA Regional Food System Plan (RFSP) Implementation grant window which may open this summer. Priority areas are emerging as waste reduction and food access.

4. [72193](#) Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

Subgroup is working on creating policy around food production on city land.

5. [77772](#) Dane Food Access Network

No report.

6. [75103](#) Farmland Preservation Task Force

No report.

7. [72198](#)

Madison Metropolitan School District

Will be sending a member of the department to a conference in July looking at increasing fresh produce in the program.

8. [72199](#)

Double Dollars Program

Preparing for the market season June 1. CAC will be leading market manager training in April/May.

9. [72197](#)

Community Gardens

Garden registration will begin in April.

10. [77773](#)

Food System Assessment

No report.

Staff Reports

11. [72194](#)

Business Development Specialist

No report.

12. [72195](#)

Public Health Madison & Dane County

Partnership continues with the United Way's Community Resiliency Delegation, which is exploring ways to support funding to address short-term/crisis needs for housing and food security. A pilot grant cycle will conclude this week, with the goal of developing ongoing strategies.

13. [72196](#)

Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

Dane County Executive Melissa Agard is hosting a climate listening session. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas with County leadership. This may be a place to discuss local food system and sustainable agriculture issues.

Where: UW-Extension, 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison WI

When: Thursday, April 16 from 5–6 PM

What: Climate listening session with Melissa Agard

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Bloedorn. Second by Rudd. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:42PM.