



## **SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICY BOARD APPROVED**

## **FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009**

The Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) convened on Monday, February 22, 2010 at City Hall in Conference Room 2017, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas

Chair Marla Camp called the meeting to order at 12:34.PM.

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

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| Marla Camp, Chair        | Arthur D'Andrea | Michele Murphy-Smith |
| Melanie McAfee, Co-Chair | Max Elliott     | Ronda Rutledge       |
| Allison Beadle           | Katie Kraemer   | Richard Pierce       |
| Brandi Clark             | Paula McDermott |                      |

### **Board Members Not In Attendance:**

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| Ellen Sweets | David Davenport |
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### **Staff in Attendance:**

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| Vince Cobalis, HHSD   | Ana Amaguel, TCHHS   | Margaret Russell, PARD      |
| Linda Terry, HHSD     | David Salazar, TCHHS | Mashell Smith, CLMD         |
| Juanita Jackson, HHSD | Robert Heil, PDRD    | Jim Williams, LAW           |
| Andy Moore, Council   | D'Anne William, PARD | Andy Halm, Austin Transpt.. |
| Marty Stump, PARD     | Jessica Long, SWS    | Nancy McClintock, Watershed |
| Rusty Cobern, AWU     |                      |                             |

### **1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:**

Meg Goodman, Multi-Cultural Refugee Coalition. Email contact [mgoodman@mrcaustin.org](mailto:mgoodman@mrcaustin.org).

### **2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2010 MINUTES**

Board member Katie Kraemer requested to change the word conversation to conservation and the word someone to name Committee members Katie Kraemer and Max Elliott are preparing a draft of the eligibility requirements for the irrigation tap fees waiver for the full board's approval. A motion was made by Board member Brandi Clark to approve the minutes with the amendments. The motion passed with a second from Board member Ronda Rutledge. Vote 9-0-2. Board members Allison Beadle and Katie Kraemer abstained due to absence from meeting.

### **3. PRESENTATION BY BETSY LEVY, ORGANIC COMMUNITY GARDEN CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

Presenter Betsy Levy reported to board on the organic certification. No action taken.

### **4. STATUS UPDATE ON NOVEMBER 19, 2009 COUNCIL RESOLUTION REGARDING COMMUNITY GARDENS AND URBAN FARMING**

Margaret Russell from Parks and Recreation Department introduced staff and identified each department's single point of contact, provided status on the working group, look for continual methods of input and report the status to Council Aide Jason Garza and requested an extension

on the deadline. Board member Paula McDermott provided an update on best practices. No action taken.

**5. DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**A. Briefing by Richard Pierce on the rooster ban ordinance**

Board member Richard Pierce provided an update on the rooster ban. Board member Ronda Rutledge made a motion to approve the supporting letter from the Sustainable Food Policy Board to the Planning Commission's to the City Council to ask Austin Police Department procedure to investigate animal noise complaints that lead to citations. The motion was carried by a second from Katie Kraemer. Vote 11-0-0

**B. Briefing by Katie Kraemer and Max Elliott on the criteria for the water meter fee waiver**

Board member Katie Kraemer provided briefing on the criteria for the water meter fee waiver. Item was discussed, no action taken.

**C. Review draft letter to City Council recommending qualifications/priorities for the Sustainability Officer.**

Board discussed the draft letter to the City Council recommending qualification for the Sustainability Officer. Board member Richard Pierce made a motion to accept the draft letter and forward the letter on to City Council. The motion received a second from Board member Paula McDermott. Vote 11-0-0

**D. Review draft proposal recommending creation of a multi-departmental task team to address sustainable food issues.**

The board discussed the draft proposal recommending creation of a multi department task team address sustainable. Chair Marla Camp was requesting to have a single point of contact for each department. Executive Liaison Vince Cobalis recommended that examples be provided for the types of issues the board will need assistance and which department would likely be needed to address the issue. Chair Marla Camp instructed Board member Michele Murphy-Smith to redraft letter for board to review and approve. No action taken.

**6. DISCUSS AND SCHEDULE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICY BOARD**

A. Election of officers (June 28, 2010)

B. Joint presentation by Sustainable Food Policy Board's standing Committees on the retreat items and issues (June 14, 2009 and December 14, 2009)

C. Status update on November 19, 2009 Council Resolution regarding community gardens and urban farming.

D. Status on the criteria for the water meter fee waiver by Board members Katie Kraemer and Max Elliott

E. Status on best practices research by Board member Paula McDermott.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.