



**APPROVED**  
**Sustainable Food Policy Board**  
**Food Production and Business Committee**

**MARCH MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 9, 2010**

The Food Production and Business Committee of the Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) convened on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, in Suite 2309 of the Travis County Palm Square Building, 100 I-35, Austin, Texas.

Committee chair Allison Beadle called the meeting to order at 12:42 PM.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Allison Beadle	Max Elliott
Dick Pierce	Marla Camp
Katie Kraemer	

**Board Members not in Attendance:**

Melanie McAfee

**Staff in Attendance:**

Daphne Richards, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Travis County	David Salazar, Travis County HHS&VS
Shannon Jones, City of Austin HHSD	Cheryl Sandling, City of Austin HHSD
Vince Cobalis, City of Austin HHSD	

**1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:**

No Citizens Communication

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010 MEETING**

Committee member Max Elliott pointed out that a correction needed to be made to item 4d of the 2/8/2010 minutes. The item should read: "Committee Member Katie Kraemer to report on meter waiver criteria. This issue is still being researched by Committee member Katie Kraemer. No action taken." Committee member Marla Camp made a motion to approve the minutes with the above correction. Committee member Dick Pierce seconded the motion and Committee member Katie Kramer abstained. Vote 4-0-1

**3. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

- a. Discuss Temporary Event permits at Farmers Markets - Suzanne Santos  
Suzanne Santos, with the Sustainable Food Center, informed the group of the City's current legal opinion on this issue. Shannon Jones and Cheryl Sandling, with Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department, provided additional information on this issue. Committee member Marla Camp moved that the committee draft a recommendation to the City that would support the designation of farmers markets as unique in order to allow them to be eligible for special food handling permits. The motion was seconded by Committee member Katie Kraemer. The task of drafting the recommendation was assigned to committee member Marla Camp, with the assistance of committee chair Allison Beadle. Vote 5-0-0

- b. Update from Marla Camp on possible resolutions that will impact the 2011 budget.  
Committee member Marla Camp informed the other committee members about meeting in the city planning commission. No action taken.
- c. Update from Dick Pierce on possible ordinance to ban roosters  
Committee member Dick Pierce presented information on the rooster ban. No action taken.
- d. Committee Member Katie Kraemer provided an update on the next steps with meter waiver criteria and the definition of “sustainable agriculture for community gardens.  
Committee member Max Elliott pointed out that a “definition of sustainable agriculture for community gardens” was not part of this issue and should be removed from this agenda item.  
Committee member Katie Kraemer then provided an update on the meter waiver criteria.  
Committee member Marla Camp moved to send this information to the entire SFP Board for approval. The motion was seconded by committee member Katie Kraemer. Committee member max Elliott abstained due to absence at the meeting. Vote 4-0-1
- e. Assign composting research to committee member  
Committee Chair Allison Beadle assigned Committee members Melanie McAfee and Dick Pierce to research composting and report back to committee by next meeting.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Discuss possible items for next committee meeting.

Committee members Melanie McAfee and Dick Pierce to give update on composting.

Committee member Marla Camp to give an update on information concerning temporary event permits for farmers markets.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 P.M. by Committee Chair Allison Beadle.