



APPROVED
Sustainable Food Policy Board
Food Production & Business Committee

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 11, 2011

The Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) – Food Production & Business Committee convened on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Travis County Palm Square in Conference Room 2307, 100 NIH 35, Austin, Texas

Committee Chair Allison Beadle called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Allison Beadle Max Elliott Richard Pierce Katie Kraemer

Visiting Board Members:

Melanie McAfee

Staff in Attendance:

Daphne Richards, TX AgriLife Extension
Service, Travis County HHS/VS

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- Lorig Hawkins, Intern Sustainable Food Center

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2010 MEETING AND DECEMBER 14, 2010

Committee Member Katie Kraemer moved to approve the October meeting minutes as written. Committee Member Richard Pierce seconded. The motion carried on the vote 4-0-0.

Committee Member Katie Kraemer moved to approve the December meeting minutes as written. Committee Max Elliott seconded. Dick Pierce abstained. The motion carried with vote 3-0-1.

3. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION:

A. Allison Beadle to discuss the group's plan of work for 2011

Committee Chair, Allison Beadle discussed spreadsheet handout on objectives for the committee, including a timeline for each task. Committee Chair Allison Beadle asked the group to analyze 2011 and 2012 tasks and bring thoughts to the February meeting so that the document can be updated for the coming year. No action taken.

B. Katie Kraemer to provide an update on irrigation water rate/meter fee waiver

Committee Member Katie Kraemer reported on her research into the implementation of the fee waiver. No action taken.

C. Katie Kraemer to provide an update on the Grower's Alliance of Central Texas restaurant survey

Committee Member Katie Kraemer reported that 19 farms had responded to the survey and she was hoping to receive 25 responses before publishing the results. No action taken.

D. Max Elliot to provide an update on involvement with SFPB

Committee Members Max Elliott and Richard Pierce terms will expire at the end of February. They have both agreed to continue to serve on the board, and the committees until new appointees are announced. They also agreed to assist the committee with research, but will not be continuing into second terms. No action taken.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss possible items for next committee meeting:

- Katie Kraemer to follow up on the implementation of the irrigation water rate/meter fee waiver
- Group to bring comments and discuss plan of work
- Draft agenda for a possible forum of current food producers and others who might be interested in becoming food producers

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM, by Committee Chair Allison Beadle.