



**Sustainable Food Policy Board
Access and Wellness Committee
APPROVED**

**JANUARY MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 11, 2010**

The Access and Wellness Committee of the Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) convened on Monday, January 11, 2010, at Travis County Health and Human Services and Veterans Service, Palm Square, 100 N. IH-35, Suite 2000, Austin, TX 78701

Chair Ronda Rutledge called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm

Board Members in Attendance:

Ronda Rutledge, Chair
Paula McDermott
Arthur D'Andrea

Michele Murphy-Smith
Maggie Simmons proxy for David Davenport

Board Members Absent:

Ellen Sweets

Staff in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, A/TCHHSD

Ana Almaguel, TCHHS & VS

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

2. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

a. Report on Meeting with the Watershed Protection Department

Committee Members Paula McDermott, Ronda Rutledge, and Melanie McAfee reported on meeting with City of Austin staff from Watershed Protection, Water Utility Board, and Parks and Recreation Department regarding land use and legal issues. Committee members discussed defining "Composting" with regard to references in the proposed resolution on community gardens. Paula McDermott made motion to add an item to the Executive Committee Agenda on Collecting Input from Board Members on Non-polluting Growing Practices for Action on January 25, 2010 Board Meeting that may produce recommendations on requirements for organic growth and awareness/education regarding erosion control. The motion was seconded by Michelle Murphy-Smith. Vote 3-0-0.

b. Discuss Local Food Assessment

Committee Member Michelle Murphy-Smith reported on Paula McDermott, Ronda Rutledge, and Melanie McAfee reported that Dr. Talia's class will assess data that may be useful to the Board. The Committee also discussed that Austin/Travis County Health Department will host two pre-application conferences for parties interested in submitting an RFA for the stimulus funding of obesity prevention, nutrition and smoking cessation policy-directed work on January 21/22. No action was taken.

c. Review Communication Plan Road Map

Committee Members discussed possibility of the availability and mentoring interns to work on research for SFPB and whether local Boards and Commissions could use outside assistance for work with volunteer board and best practices. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion carried by Chair to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 pm.