



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

**NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, November 8, 2010**

The Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) - Access & Wellness Committee convened on Monday, November 8, 2010, at Travis County Palm Square, Conference Room 2307, 100 N. IH-35, Austin, Texas

Committee Chair Arthur D'Andrea called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Arthur D'Andrea                      David Davenport                      Ronda Rutledge

**Committee Members Absent:**

Ellen Sweets                      Michele Murphy-Smith

**Community Members in Attendance:**

Paula McDermott, Board Chair

**Staff in Attendance:**

Stephnie Connell, HHSD              David Salazar, TCHHS/VS

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None.

**2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

No action was taken as there was not a quorum of members present at July 12, 2010 meeting to approve minutes.

**3. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

**A. Update on roundtable with farmers and food bank partner agencies by David Davenport.**

Committee Member Davenport reported to the Committee that communication with local farmers has occurred and that an agency conference is in the works headed by Capital Area Food Bank, Karla Cantu, Sr. Director. No action was taken.

**B. Update on discussions with outside groups (Tony, Shannon, Tipton) by Ellen Sweets and Michele Murphy-Smith.**

Item was postponed in order to have Committee Members Sweets and Murphy-Smith in attendance to update the Committee. No action was taken.

**C. Discuss, plan and take action on meeting with Jeremy Everett.**

Committee discussed the opportunity of hearing report from Jeremy Everett, Texas Hunger Initiative based at Baylor University and the chance to replicate group in each county in Texas. Committee Member Davenport volunteered to connect with Hunger Roundtable. No action was taken.

**D. Discuss and take action on committee work plan (assign tasks, seek champions).**

Committee Chair D' Andrea passed out copies of the work plan before beginning discussion on engaging corner stores/markets with the idea of carrying fresh produce. Committee discussed the issue of State and local funding for incentives to stores carrying fresh foods. Committee Members cited Sustainable Food Center healthy food report and success in Houston, Texas, incentivizing smaller stores. No action was taken.

**E. Discuss and take action on "Meet Your Local Farmer" event in East Austin.**

Committee discussed local "food-themed" event with the possibility of holding in East Austin, like at Hope Farmers Market, but that Committee Member Sweets is working on this issue. No action was taken.

**F. Discuss proposed meeting dates for Calendar year 2011.**

Committee discussed meeting in December 2010 and securing space for future meetings. No action was taken.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Discuss possible items for next committee meeting.**

- Report from Jeremy Everett, Texas Hunger Initiative (THI);
- Update on Discussions with Outside Groups (Ellen Sweets/Michele Murphy-Smith);
- Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2010

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:28pm.