



**Sustainable Food Policy Board
Executive Committee
APPROVED**

**JULY MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 18, 2011**

The Executive Committee of the Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) convened on Monday, July 18, 2011 at City Hall–Boards & Commissions Room, 302 W. Second Street, Austin, TX 78701

Vice-Chair Marla Camp called the meeting to order at 12:37pm.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Allison Beadle, Liaison (ABSENT)
Brandi Clark Burton, Liaison
Marla Camp, SFPB -Vice Chair

Arthur D’Andrea, Liaison
Paula McDermott, SFPB – Chair (ABSENT)

Staff in Attendance:

Stephnie Connell, COA HHSD

Edna Staniszewski, COA HHSD

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Linda Greene – Dillo Dirt, Sludge and Fluoride in our soil and gardens.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2011 MEETING.

Liaison Brandi made motion to accept minutes with a correction on item 4b to be changed to Wholesale. Liaison Arthur seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

3. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

A. Sustainable Food Policy Board Annual Report (Allison Beadle)

Item moved to next meeting.

B. Current Working Group Updates, Plans, Modifications (including timelines and strategies, introduction of SFC interns):

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Participation (Arthur D’Andrea)**
Liaison Arthur will have more information at the board meeting on Monday.

- **Imagine Austin (Michele Murphy-Smith)**
No information from Member Michele, will move item to board meeting on Monday.

- **Urban Farming Best Practices (Allison Beadle and Paula McDermott)**
Vice-Chair mentioned that they had their first meeting which consisted of approximately 15 community participants. The meeting that took place consisted of mainly introductions.

- **Community Garden Best Practices (Allison Beadle and Paula McDermott)**
This working group eliminated last meeting.

- **Farmers Market Permitting Fees (Paula McDermott)**
This working group eliminated last meeting.

- **Composting (Paige Hill)**

Member Melanie McAfee gave an update of the composting group. One of the ideas of the group on how to get the community involved was to have an “Urban County Fair” where we can educate the public about gardens and composting. There is also a Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting this week for anyone interested in attending. Other meetings are:

- September 20 – Retailer, Grocers and Convenient Stores
- November 15 – Generators and On-site Composting
- December 20 Restaurant and Bars

C. Follow-up on Proposed Working Groups

- Strategic Alliances – led by Erin Flynn
- Water – led by Katie Kramer
- Healthy, Local, Sustainable Food at City/County Venues – led by Ronda Rutledge
- Universal Food Breakfasts – led by Arthur D’Andrea
- Food Deserts – led by Arthur D’Andrea
- Buy Local Food Campaign – led by Marla Camp
- Food Rescue – led by Brandi Clark Burton

After some discussion on the above groups, the Committee members have agreed to recommend the following work groups to be adopted by the Board on Monday’s meeting:

- Strategic Alliances and Communications – led by Erin Flynn
- Water – led by Katie Kramer
- Healthy, Local, Sustainable Food at City/County Venues – led by Ronda Rutledge
- Food Rescue to be changed to Food Surplus and Salvage – led by Brandi Clark Burton

D. Cage-free egg purchasing resolution for City Council consideration (Marla Camp)

The City of Austin is discussing a resolution on cage-free egg purchasing. At this time we will request information from the Chair to discuss at the meeting

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS - EVENTS AND RESEARCH RELATED TO BOARD CHARGES AND WORK PLAN

Other Announcements/Updates

Not at this time.

5. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON FUTURE SFPB AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss agenda items for July 25, 2011 SFPB meeting.

- A. Central Texas Foodshed Assessment Report – Part II (Karen Banks)
- B. Board and Executive Committee Membership Changes (Marla Camp)
- C. Update from Working Groups
- D. Recommending adopting the following working groups:
 - Strategic Alliances and Communications
 - Water
 - Healthy, Local, Sustainable Food at City/County Venues
 - Food Surplus and Salvage

E. Scheduling a community-based location for an SFPB meeting (Marla Camp)

F. Collaboration letter regarding cage free egg purchasing (Marla Camp)

G. Discuss effects on of composting, gardening and farming with Dillo Dirt

Discuss agenda items for August 22, 2011

- A. Invitation to new HHSD Director, Carlos Rivera, to attend SFPB meeting for introduction
- B. Draft of (unapproved) Travis County FY 2012 Budget

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.