



**Sustainable Food Policy Board  
APPROVED**

**JULY MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, July 25, 2011**

The Executive Committee of the Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) convened on Monday, July 25, 2011 at City Hall—Boards & Commissions Room, 302 W. Second Street, Austin, TX 78701

Chair Paula McDermott called the meeting to order at 12:42pm.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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| Marla Camp, Vice-Chair | Shirene Garcia       | Ronda Rutledge     |
| Brandi Clark Burton    | Melanie McAfee       | Toni Tipton-Martin |
| Arthur D'Andrea        | Michele Murphy-Smith |                    |

**Absent Board Members:**

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| Allison Beadle | Paige Hill    | Paula McDermott – Chair |
| Erin Flynn     | Katie Kraemer |                         |

**Staff in Attendance:**

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| Vince Cobalis, HHSD | Jake Stewart, PARD | Edna Staniszewski, HHSD |
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**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Karen Ford – Travis County Bonds

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2011 AND JUNE 27, 2011.**

Vice-Chair Marla Camp made motion to accept minutes. Member Brandi Clark Burton seconded the motion. Vote 8-0

**3. PRESENTATION - CENTRAL TEXAS FOODSHED ASSESSMENT – PART II (Karen Banks)**

Karen Banks, graduate student at UT Austin, presented Part II of the Central Texas Foodshed Assessment.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. Board and Executive Committee Membership Changes (Marla Camp)**

Vice-Chair Marla had the new Board Members Shirene Garcia and Toni Tipton-Martin introduce themselves.

**B. Discussion of a Letter of Collaboration for Cage-free egg purchasing resolution for City Council consideration (Marla Camp)**

A motion was made to grant permission for Chair Paula McDermott to draft a letter of collaboration, which includes our refinement of definition to the cage free egg purchasing to include local, organic and/or pastured to support the ongoing discussion of the resolution for City Council to consider purchasing Cage-free eggs only. The vote was unanimous, 8-0.

**C. Discuss and take appropriate action on the effects on composting, gardening and farming with Dillo Dirt. (Marla Camp)**

Board discussed what action to take regarding how Dillo Dirt reuses sewage sludge in the dirt, which may have negative affects on composting, gardening and farming by looking into creating a standard and grade levels of dirt. The Composting Working Group will focus on this issue and bring their suggestions and action items to the Board. No action taken.

**D. Updates from the Working Group**

- **SNAP Program Update** (Arthur D'Andrea): Member Arthur addressed low SNAP participation rate in our city and county. He is continuing to do research on this issue and will have a report to present to the board at the next meeting.
- **Imagine Austin** (Michelle): Member Michele gave feedback to Imagine Austin to incorporate into the Plan, requesting that one person from SFPB attend the Imagine Austin Panel discussions to answer questions, give input, etc.
- **Urban Farming & Community Gardens Best Practices** (Marla): The working group had their first meeting. Vice Chair Marla mentioned the creating alliances and collaborations and utilizing the wide range of backgrounds in the working group.

**E. Recommending adopting the following 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
- Food Surplus and Salvage – led by Brandi Clark Burton

Member Michelle Murphy-Smith made motion to accept the following working groups:

Strategic Alliances and Communications  
Healthy, Local, Sustainable Food at City/County Venues  
Food Surplus and Salvage

Member Arthur D'Andrea seconded the motion. Vote 8-0.

The Water working group item will be moved to August 2011 meeting.

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

Item moved to August 2011 meeting.

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

**A. Other Announcements**

National Food Day – City of Austin Proclamation to be made  
Food Section of the Climate Action Plan has been drafted

**6. DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. August 22, 2011 SFPB Meeting**

- I. Invitation to new HHSD Director, Carlos Rivera, to attend SFPB meeting for introduction
- II. Report on the Draft (unapproved) Travis County's FY 2012 Budget
- III. Scheduling a community-based location for an SFPB meeting (Marla Camp)
- IV. Recommending adopting the Water working group (Katie Kraemer)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:32p.m.