



**Sustainable Food Policy Board
Executive Committee
APPROVED**

**AUGUST MEETING MINUTES
Monday, AUGUST 15, 2011**

The Executive Committee of the Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) convened on Monday, August 15, 2011 at City Hall–Boards & Commissions Room, 302 W. Second Street, Austin, TX 78701

Chair Paula McDermott called the meeting to order at 12:35pm.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Allison Beadle, Liaison (ABSENT) Erin Flynn, Liaison
Marla Camp, SFPB -Vice Chair (ABSENT) Paula McDermott, SFPB – Chair
Arthur D’Andrea, Liaison

Staff in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, COA HHSD Edna Staniszewski, COA HHSD
Andy Moore,

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2011 MEETING.

Liaison Arthur made motion to accept minutes. Erin Flynn seconded motion. Vote 3-0

3. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

A. Changes to the SFPB and Executive Committee (Paula McDermott)

Allison Beadle is absent today but no word yet on a new appointee for her position. Kathy Golson has been appointed for Brandi Clark Burton’s position and Marla Camp has been reappointed.

B. Cage-free chicken resolution from August 5th City Council meeting (Paula McDermott, Judith McGeary – Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance on speaker phone)

Nicole Paquette, HSUS, gave an update on federal legislation to protect egg laying hens. Judith McGeary, on speaker phone, gave an update and had sent an email regarding the information. The proposed standards advocated by UEP and HSUS, if enacted, would be the first federal law addressing the treatment of animals on farms. More details can be found on the following websites:

- <http://agwired.com/2011/07/07/united-egg-producers-hatches-deal-with-hsus/>
- http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/farm/battery_cage_agreement_fact.pdf
- <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/Product-SpecificInformation/EggSafety/EggSafetyActionPlan/ucm170746.htm>

Liaison Arthur proposed that Paula write a support letter for resolution with conditions discussed and presented to full board. Liaison Erin seconded motion. Vote 3-0

C. Sustainable Food Policy Board Annual Report (Marla Camp)

Moved to SFPB Monday’s meeting.

D. Organize strategic planning session for 2011 /2012 (Paula McDermott)

Planning for September to be further discussed in full board meeting.

E. Review Working Group Progress:

- **Imagine Austin** (Michele Murphy-Smith)
Intern Heather Frambach, from Sustainable Food Center, is working on “Comparative Sustainable Food Policies” from three major cities who are going through comprehensive planning as is the City of Austin. Those cities are Seattle, Portland and Minneapolis whose city is further along than the other two.
One of the working groups under Imagine Austin is the Society working group where Food is one of their priorities.
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Participation** (Arthur D’Andrea)
Will present information on Monday’s meeting
- **Urban Farming Best Practices (Marla Camp and Paula McDermott)**
Item moved to Monday’s meeting
- **Composting (Paige Hill and Melanie McAfee)**
Item moved to Monday’s meeting
- **Strategic Alliances and Communications** – (Erin Flynn)
Item moved to Monday’s meeting
- **Healthy, Local, Sustainable Food at City/County Venues – (Ronda Rutledge)**
Item moved to Monday’s meeting
- **Food Surplus and Salvage (Marla Camp)**
Item moved to Monday’s meeting

F. Proposed Working Groups:

- **Water (Katie Kraemer)**
To be moved to Monday’s meeting
- **Priority Assessment Working Group (Paula McDermott)**
Take Karen Banks assessment and move forward by creating this group

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

Announcements/Updates

No items at this time due to time constraint

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

Discuss agenda items for August 22, 2011 SFPB meeting.

- A. Update on Egg Chicken Resolution and letter
- B. Discuss National Food Day Proclamation for October 24th
- C. Discuss Strategic Planning Meeting
- D. Invitation to new HHSD Director, Carlos Rivera, to attend SFPB meeting for introduction (tentatively) and specific information related to food (the obesity program update)
- E. Report on the Draft (unapproved) Travis County FY 2012 Budget
- F. Schedule an alternative location time in the community for a SFPB meeting (Marla Camp)
- G. Updates from Working Groups

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm