



Sustainable Food Policy Board

APRIL MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 22, 2013

The Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) convened on Monday, April 22, 2013, at Boards and Commissions Room, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance:

Ronda Rutledge – Vice Chair	Michele Murphy-Smith	Meagan Jones
Paula McDermott – Chair	Rob Borowski	Kathy Green
Mary Teeters	Marla Camp	Hildreth England
Katherine Nicely	Melanie McAfee	

Absent Board Members:

Karla Loeb Erin Flynn

Staff in Attendance:

Marisa Balancier, HHSD	Linda Terry, HHSD	Marcy Alonzo, TC-HHS/VS
Juanita Jackson, TC-HHS/VS	Cassie DeLeon, HHSD	Meg Williams, PARD
Dylan Siegler, OoS	Philip Huang, HHSD	

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Susana Almanza-Director of PODER (People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources)

- Urban Farm Ordinance-Feels urban farm ordinance is vague and needs to be clarified.
- Letter which states PODER's specific points to be clarified provided as backup documentation.

Daniel Llanes-Chair of Govalle/Johnston Terrace Planning Team

- Urban Farm Ordinance-Neighborhood plans and zoning
- Seeking inclusion as ordinance is revised.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2013.

- Member Michele Murphy-Smith moved to approve minutes.
- Member Marla Camp seconded motion.
- Motion passed 11-0-0.

3. PRESENTATION-THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF AUSTIN'S FOOD SECTOR [MARGARET SHAW, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES OFFICE; JON HOCKENYOS, TXP] [20 MINUTES]

- Discussed the six recommendations identified in the report.
- Recommendations provided as backup documentation.

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

A. Prioritization of Economic Impact Recommendations; and Identify Short- and Long-term Priorities and Budget Implications [40 Minutes]

- The Board agrees by consensus to present only three priority recommendations in no specific order of importance.
 - City of Austin identifies infrastructure needs such as cold storage, warehousing, distribution and processing facilities for animals and other food in order to increase production of foods from local farms and food manufacturers.
 - Motion made by Vice chair Ronda Rutledge
 - Motion seconded by member Mary Teeters
 - Motion passed 9-0-0; members Kathy Green and Katherine Nicely not present at vote
 - Support local farmers by providing economic development and regulatory incentives; access to land and markets; and training and education programs to increase customer bases.
 - Motion made by Vice chair Ronda Rutledge
 - Motion seconded by member Rob Borowski
 - Motion passed 9-0-0; members Kathy Green and Katherine Nicely not present at vote
 - Identify innovative and proven practices to mitigate barriers to access for food-insecure residents and implement proven practices that are not just geographically but also socially and culturally appropriate to improve access to healthy and local foods and reduce hunger in our community.
 - Motion made by member Mary Teeters
 - Motion seconded by member Marla Camp
 - Motion passed 9-0-0; members Kathy Green and Katherine Nicely not present at vote
- B. Sustainable Food Policy Board Infrastructure and Protocol
- 1) Annual Internal Review [5 Minutes]
 - Vice-Chair Ronda Rutledge moved to approve the Annual Internal Review.
 - Member Marla Camp seconded the motion.
 - Motion Passed 11-0-0.
 - 2) Board Member Appointments
 - Board welcomes back former and newly appointed board member Melanie McAfee.
 - No action taken.
 - 3) Board Member Speaking Engagements
 - Item not discussed
 - No action taken.
- C. Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
- Item not discussed
 - No action taken.
- D. Texas Legislative Update on Food and Farming Bills
- Item not discussed
 - No action taken.

5. REVIEW OF BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS [5 MINUTES]

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.