

2015 Austin/Travis County Food Policy Commission (A/TC FPC) Strategic Planning Notes

Combined Purpose Statement

The purpose of the A/TC FPC is to address health disparities and end food injustices through research and advocacy, to ensure community leaders have a voice in policy decisions that support a healing, thriving, and sustainable local food system in Austin/Travis County.

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1. The purpose of the A/TC FPC is to end health disparities and ensure food justice through research, advocacy, and policy for healing for the Earth and all living beings.
2. The purpose of the A/TC FPC is to ensure community leadership has a voice in Austin/Travis County policy decisions about sustainable, healthy food systems.

Goals and Working Groups to be edited (2015)*

1. Continue retail capacity work that educates and promotes traditional and non-traditional venues for healthy foods, including alternate methods of distribution of local, sustainable foods.
 - a. Working Group: Retail Capacity
 - i. *Commission Chair: Dominique Bowman*
 - ii. *Commission Co-Chair:*
 - iii. *Board members:*
2. Ensure community leadership engagement and participation in food systems-related discussions that address “food access” at different scales (e.g. transportation, affordability and distribution) as part of the CodeNEXT process. Facilitate/integrate a Neighborhood Food Systems Planning Process to recommend resident-driven food policies that support a healthy, accessible, and sustainable food system.
 - a. Working Group: Codes and Ordinances + Community Engagement & Outreach + Food Security
 - i. *Commission Chair: Selena Booth (C&O), Brandon Reed (CEOR), Kathy Green (FS)*
 - ii. *Commission Co-Chair:*
 - iii. *Board members:*
3. Increase farmland preservation for sustainable, local food production.
 - a. Working Group: Farmland Preservation
 - i. *Commission Chair: Mindy Cooper*
 - ii. *Commission Co-Chair:*
 - iii. *Board members:*
4. Increase access to land used for sustainable, local food production - including improving the feasibility of farming - especially for potential farmers with limited resources and from diverse communities.
 - a. Working Group: Farmland Access
 - i. *Commission Chair:*
 - ii. *Commission Co-Chair:*
 - iii. *Board members:*

Notes:

- limiting the commission to 4 goals allows for the commission to address food policy issues as they arise throughout the year.
- each 2015 goal should have an associated working group, with a board member chair and co-chair
- some existing working groups' efforts may be folded into 2015 working groups (e.g. local meat processing and distribution [2013-14 WG] into 2015 Retail Capacity).