



Sustainable Food Policy Board

MEETING MINUTES Monday, June 8th, 2015

Board Members in Attendance:

Dominique Bowman, Kathy Green, Felipe Camacho, Dustin Fedako, Ronda Rutledge, Sharon Mays, Adrienne Haschke, Carla Jenkins, Jake Carter

Absent Board Members:

Erin Flynn, Erin Lentz

Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty, Lydia Jarjoura, Amanda Rohlich

CALL TO ORDER

Board chair Kathy Green called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a) State Legislative Sessions Update: Judith Mc Geary

- 1) House Bill 262: Borris Miles (Houston)- bill to protect landowners who use land for community gardens to be protected from lawsuits. May encourage landowners to use land for community gardens
- 2) House Bill 1846: Susan King (Abilene) requires Dept. of State Health Services to post notice on their website of any agreements with the FDA to implement Federal Food Safety Regulations. There are new regulations due out in August and October from the FDA (largest overhaul of Federal Food Safety Regulations in 80 years).
- 3) Bill that didn't make it through but that maybe the board can help is House Bill 1900 by Eddie Rodriguez to make it easier for small farmers to be considered for agricultural valuation.
- 4) Department of State Health Services issued proposed regulations for food establishments: submitted public comments. Rules will be issued by mid-September.
- 5) Questions:
 - a. Where did the fiscal note figure come from? The basis for this figure was not told to Comptroller but a Public Information Request will be put out for it.
 - b. When would you want to start working more closely with the Farmland Preservation working group? As soon as it works for the group.
- 6) Kathy Green provided the board with a Legislative update: TDA increased funding for the program; it allows food banks to work with farmers to get surplus agricultural products. Additional funding was allocated:
 - a. Senate Bill 200: A provision was added that if a citizen has a drug felony, they cannot get SNAP. It is at the state's discretion to put into place. A lift on the ban got added to the bill to reduce it down to 2 years.
 - b. Photo ID bills- require placing a photo on your Lonestar card: those bills were defeated.
 - c. Heart Association's Healthy Food Financing bill did not pass.

b) CoA HHSD Budget Presentation: John Miller

- 1) Questions: Key Activities: this comes out of the Chronic Disease Management program.
- 2) Cancer is the number one reason for death in Travis County- is it related to lifestyle? Heart disease has reduced faster. Adult smoking rates are at 11.5% which is what the Healthy 2010 goals are. In East Texas, a pilot was done and showed that mortality from acute heart attacks went down significantly faster than other parts of the state. Cancer reduction just takes longer to see results.
- 3) Healthy Saint David's Program details: The program is several years old. The diabetes coalition has been working with Saint David's. Also HHSD has been working with disparate areas. Some restaurants have made the healthy change but haven't opted in to the St. David's

program but HHSD provides technical assistance to restaurants if they have options that can be changed to be a part of the program. If the restaurant does want to get the Saint David's certification, HHSD will help them move through that. HHSD has the capacity to work with 10 restaurants per year. St. David's publicizes the restaurants in their network. For a restaurant to join, an RD from St. David's does a menu item nutritional analysis. If it meets the standard, then they are certified. HHSD is bringing on an in-house RD to provide more technical assistance.

- 4) If you move a neighborhood center, how would you maintain current capacity? It would be impossible to move out of East Austin, mainly because of transportation. There is a long standing relationship with the community. They don't want to lower capacity but they do have more needs in southeast Austin than northeast Austin.
- 5) Public Health Accreditation- currently applying and will have site visits in September and hope to be certified as the second in Texas. Public Health Accreditation Board provides accreditation.
- 6) Chronic Disease Management funds- should the board write a letter to City Council?
 - a. Board Chair Kathy Green motions to have the board send a Letter of Support to City Council for Chronic Disease Management Funding
 - b. Board Member Adrienne Haschke seconds the motion
 - c. All in favor; None opposed

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 11TH MEETING

- a) Board Chair Kathy Green makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 5/1/15
- b) Board Member Ronda Rutledge seconds the motion to approve
- c) All are in favor of approving with one correction; None opposed

4. OLD BUSINESS

a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol

- 1) Boards and Commissions Task Force Information Update
 - a. Staff Member Edwin Marty: Board Members appointed by the City will be ending the transition period at the end of June. The new non-transition period starts in July and City appointees will be reappointed and will complete the new training by the August board meeting.
 - b. There is a new resolution about the Climate Change plan to create a joint Sustainability Committee and 11 boards/commissions have been selected to be represented and the SFPB is tasked with implementing the Climate Change plan. One person will represent the board. Board members are asked to inform Edwin if they are willing to be the representative.
- 2) Review Board Members' meetings with City and County Officials
 - a. Board Member Ronda Rutledge met with Mayor Adler and Council Member Houston very briefly. The mayor's staff is looking to make appointments as soon as possible.
 - b. The SFPB will have 2-3 City openings.
 - c. Board Chair Kathy Green met with Pio Renteria. She will speak to the Travis. Co Commissioner's Court on 6/9.

b) Board Recommendations Follow-up

- 1) Urban Farm Ordinance update
 - a. Staff Member Edwin Marty: provided board with backup for update. There is a draft for a tip sheet. Board members will review and provide any feedback for how to frame questions that need to be answered and to provide general feedback.
- 2) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Outreach/ Incentives
 - a. Board Chair Kathy Green recused herself from this item.
 - b. Board Member Ronda Rutledge updated: funding with the County for outreach and promotion, at the County level, (\$10,000) is still un-used. The County wants to make sure that the money going to the sole source provider, Capitol Area Food Bank, will be used in line with what the board provisioned (as inserts into Utility bills).
 - c. Board Member Carla Jenkins motions that the board vote that the funding is being used in accordance with what the board suggested.

- d. Board Member Dominique Bowman seconds. All in favor. None opposed.
 - e. Kathy rejoined the dais at 7:04pm
- 3) Local and Healthy Food Procurement
- a. Staff member Edwin Marty: A comparison of healthy food purchasing policies: The City of Los Angeles is willing to do joint fund-raising so there would be no cost to develop a partnership.
 - b. Staff member Edwin Marty will send a detailed report to the full board for feedback.
 - c. The Center for Good Food Purchasing would give 20% of staff time as a remote consultant.
 - d. Staff member Edwin Marty has a meeting with UT and AISD to try to see if there is interest.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations

1) Working Group Break-outs

a) Codes and Ordinances Working Group

- i. Board Member Sharon Mays updated: There have been two meetings since the last board meeting. The first meeting was an introduction and then Edwin Marty gave a snapshot of where the group was. The group tried to come up with a recommendation to submit to the full board by June. The group was encouraged to do a White Paper for information that CodeNEXT will be submitting in September. The group will write the White Papers in June-July and submit to board by the August meeting and have final version in September to send to CodeNEXT.
- ii. Suggestion from the working group: All working groups have a code portion- so SFPB could have over-arching mission of working groups to drive the same message.
- iii. At the next meeting on June 15th the group will begin work on the White Paper.

b) Farmland Preservation and Access Working Group

- i. Board Member Adrienne Haschke updated: The group has had one meeting – May 13th: had a core group of participants. A Structural change proposed is to meet 4th Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:30pm. Board member Adrienne will build out future 2015 meetings, perhaps some being on-site. Action items for the group include policy recommendations, board group actions, and CodeNEXT White Papers. Identified Travis County employee to provide updates and support.
- ii. Introduced the group to the Food System Report- possibly moving forward for proposal to create a Regional Food Study Report.

c) Retail Capacity Working Group

- i. Board Member Ronda Rutledge recused herself- including the votes on recommendations to Council.
- ii. Board Member Dominique Bowman updated: the group met on 5/28; it was the first meeting since August 2014.
- iii. Group discussed existing policy and decided to expand to include not only the Healthy Corner Store Initiative but Community and School Food Markets and Double Dollars Incentive program.
- iv. The next meeting is 6/25 at noon at the Street Jones Building.
- v. Presented two recommendations to full board- Budget cycle is currently happening so recommendations would need to be sent Council Members via the City Clerk's office as soon as possible. Board would contact City Council and set up meetings to make sure staff understands the recommendations
- vi. Board Member Adrienne Haschke motioned to pass Recommendation 20150608-5A1Ca Increasing SNAP enrollment with outreach. Board Member Dominique Bowman seconded. All in favor.
- vii. Board Member Dominique Bowman motions to pass Recommendation 20150608-5A1Cb Support for strategies access to healthy food. Board member Dustin Fedako seconded. All in favor of adopting with potential

revisions to increase dollar amount for grant funding for all initiatives to increase \$425,000. None opposed.

viii. Board Member Ronda Rutledge re-joined the dais.

b. Review of Board Member Assignments

- a. City appointed board members will need to re-apply, will contact the Mayor and will need to complete new training by August meeting.
- b. Board Member Ronda Rutledge will update the Google Drive after meeting with Mayor Adler and Council Member Houston
- c. Board Chair Kathy Green is meeting with Travis Co. Commissioners Office on 6/9.
- d. Board Members to review Urban Farm Ordinance draft and provide feedback by end of June.
- e. Staff liaison Edwin Marty will send details of the food procurement document to the board through email to see who is interested in meeting in the next 2 weeks. He would like board members to provide feedback and opinion after reading the detailed report.
- f. Board Member Adrienne Haschke will bring some White Paper language developed by the Preservation Working Group to the next working group meeting.
- g. Staff liaison Edwin Marty will update the recommendation notes to include the \$425,000 funding. Board will reach out to individual City Council members about each recommendation.
- h. Board Chair Kathy Green will work on funding support letter for HHSD.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. No meeting in July
- b. August meeting- Heart Association to present
- c. Vote on CodeNEXT White Paper recommendation

ADJOURNMENT at 8:01pm