



## Sustainable Food Policy Board

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Monday, March 7, 2016

The Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) convened on Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Street Jones Building, 1000 East 11<sup>th</sup> St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702

### Board Members in Attendance:

Alexandra Evans, Sharon Mays, Jessica Gaffney, Adrienne Haschke, Jake Carter, Felipe Camacho, Kathy Green, Erin Lentz, Dustin Fedako

### Absent Board Members:

Dominique Bowman, Errol Schweizer

### Staff in Attendance:

Amanda Rohlich, Edwin Marty, Meredith Gray

### CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kathy Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### 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. -- None

### 2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a) Megan Cermak, Central Health Senior Healthcare Planner, presentation on Health Equity Policy Council (see presentation in back-up materials)
- b) Questions from Board Members: Kathy Green: Clarifying question about timeline. Alexandra Evans: Ordinance, not educational campaign. Kathy Green: Linking up with CHIP? Yes.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING

- a) Board Member Dustin Fedako motions to approve the meeting minutes from February 8, 2016
- b) Board Member Erin Lentz seconds the motion to approve
- c) All are in favor of approving with minor corrections; none opposed

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

#### a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol:

- 1) Appointments – two open with Carla Jenkin's absence.
  - a. Felipe Camacho – need lawyer and farmer **representation**
- 2) Review Board Members' meetings with City and County Officials
  - a. Jessica Gaffney met with Shannon Haley out of Tovo's office. She's doesn't always see recommendations we are sending. Must do extra advocacy work to get attention. Preparing for meeting was a challenge because she could not find information on what she had supported in the past. What's the best way to coordinate going forward?
  - b. Jessica Gaffney talked to Dan Graham about how he is working with Mayor's office on Food Access. He recommended she meet with Sarah Levy of Nortley Ventures. A meeting is on the books with Sarah Levy and Board Members Jake Carter and Dustin Fedako.
  - c. Adrienne Haschke. Thursday 2/25, Peter Einhorn of Sarah Eckhart. What is the county's perspective on the recommendation for the food shed study. Gave good outline of when to step in and make the recommendation visible. Hearings begin in August and September, move through for mark-up. Hesitation came from getting other commissioners on board.

- d. Adrienne Haschke 2/26 Met with Brandi Clark. Jobs creation, economic development, affordability, mobility, Budget process has started now with decisions by spring. Council Members who may carry this recommendation through – Ann Kitchen, Leslie Pool, Timeline for next steps to be discussed in the working group meeting this week.
  - e. Jake Carter, Kathy Green, Edwin Marty met with Deece Eckstein. Farmland preservation, funding for farmers, what types of things could be done to provide relief for farmers. Spoke about the climate of the 2017 legislature— weakening home rule.
- b) Board Recommendations Follow-up
- 1) Board Name change – The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board
  - 2) Outlook.com\ austintexas.gov
  - 3) Local and Healthy Food Procurement – Moving forward with Good Food Purchasing Program. Two-prong strategy. AISD, UT, Central Health as pilot partners. See what contracts are coming up for renewal next to identify opportunities. Short term training guide for City of Austin internal operations. Jake Carter: Any plans on how to deal with black market? Edwin Marty: Ensure there is sufficient outreach, education and buy-in before implementing policy.
  - 4) Healthy Food Access Update –
    - a. Health Department is hiring Obesity Prevention in March
    - b. HCSI – contract being negotiated currently with vendor
    - c. HCSI evaluation contract has been sent out
    - d. Farm Stand RFP is being developed
    - e. Mobile Market RFP is being developed

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### a) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations

#### 1) Working Group Break-outs

- a. Budget and Policy – updates from Kathy Green. Jessica pulling information on each Council Member and their districts. Combining some of the recommendations into one piece may be a better way to approach council. Packet with executive summary. Providing talking points for each recommendation so you can easily communicate to Board Members appointee. This group to work as clearinghouse of recommendations. Provide timeline for when budget asks need to be sent. Next meeting not yet scheduled.
- b. Codes and Ordinances – updates from Sharon Mays. How to make white paper actionable. Have invited HEB representative to come to working group and present.
- c. Farmland Preservation and Access – updates from Adrienne Haschke. Last meeting cancelled. No updates. Want to talk about collaboration on how to share with Budget and Policy working group. Judith has suggested some data points to collect.
  - i. Felipe Camacho alerted the group to the upcoming National Farmworkers Conference, April 24<sup>th</sup> in Austin
- d. Food Safety and Innovation – Carla Jenkins resigned from the board. Sharon Mays can help but not able to chair working group. Discussion of what the strategy is for getting public input to this working group. Adrienne discussed inaugural farmland preservation meeting. Jessica Gaffney to join this group.
- e. Healthy Food Security and Access – updates from Kathy Green. Discussion of new resolution from Council Member Garza to address food access and include food access in the mission of the City of Austin Equity Office. Initial findings to be presented to the City Council June 14, 2016. Make recommendations to council on how to improve food access. Increase participation in SNAP to those that are eligible and not enrolled. Recommendation from Sharon Mays to conduct awareness campaign to get to know smaller micro markets.

(Erin Lentz stepped away from dais at 7:30 p.m.)

### b) Review of Board Member Assignments

- 1) **Edwin Marty** to email COA budget timeline
- 2) **Jake Carter** to talk to Judith McGeary about advocacy training session; cc **Kathy Green** who is available to help with training as well
- 3) **Adrienne Haschke** (or liaison from Farmland Preservation Working Group) to attend Budget and Policy working group
- 4) **Jake Carter** to attend Farmland Preservation working group to brief on ag evaluation
- 5) **Sharon Mays** and **Edwin Marty** to discuss development of Food Safety and Innovation working group
- 6) **Adrienne Haschke** and **Sandra Evans** to refine the strategic planning process for working group formation
- 7) **Jake Carter** to follow up with Jack Waite of Agua Dulce to gauge interest of joining board
- 8) **Edwin Marty** to follow up with county about vacancies
- 9) Per Felipe Camacho's recommendation to fulfill Board's member vacancies with someone who is knowledgeable of local, state and federal law (experience with ag law preferred), **Adrienne Haschke** to reach out to Steve Hake and **Sharon Mays** to ask friend for references
- 10) **All working group chairs** to schedule meetings and share date/time with Edwin Marty by 3/9/2016
- 11) **Edwin Marty** to reach out to Mike Martinez to provide training through special meeting
- 12) **Edwin Marty** to reach out to Dr. Huang to present in April
- 13) Annual report due in May. **Kathy Green** to work on Annual Report
- 14) **All working groups** to provide update to **Kathy Green** of what they are working on by March 18

## 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### a) April

- 1) Larry Schooler Community Conversation Corps
- 2) Adrienne to provide debrief on JSC
- 3) HHSD to come talk about budget

### b) May

- 1) Raj Patel to give update on Neighborhood Food System Planning
- 2) Advocacy training beginning of 2016
- 3) ARR

### c) June

- 1) Brighter Bites

### d) Special Meeting

- 1) Mike Martinez

**ADJOURNMENT motion by 7:50 adjourned**