



Austin Travis County Food Policy Board

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFB) convened on Monday, May 09, 2016 at the Street Jones Building, 1000 East 11th St., 4th Floor, Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702

Board Members in Attendance:

Errol Schweizer, Felipe Camacho, Sharon Mays, Alexandra Evans, Jessica Gaffney, Adrienne Haschke, Dustin Fedako

Absent Board Members:

Jake Carter, Erin Lentz, Kathy Green

Staff in Attendance:

Amanda Rohlich, Edwin Marty, Meredith Gray, Sarah Stein-Lobovits, Ashley LeMaistre, Haley Hale

CALL TO ORDER

Board Alexandra Evans called the meeting to order at 6:09 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. – Lisa Hinely Chair of North Lamar Georgian Acres Planning Team. Transportation is a major issue. ATD \$700k in North Lamar. Multi-culturism—cannot speak to each other.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Raj Patel, UT LBJ School, Food for All Presentation (presentation provided in backup materials) Recommends that food policy board consider implications of study including the idea that defining “healthy” is something worth paying attention to. This area thinks that the City is dumping its lower quality food into the area. Key themes/policy recommendations: 1) appropriate information (language/knowledge), 2) availability, 3) accessibility (sidewalks, buses, safety), 4) affordability (housing, SNAP/WIC)

Questions: Food access resolution, how does this tie in to the recommendations. Gaffney: Once report comes out, what are the next steps for implementing findings. Patel: As academics, strengths are in researching, getting loud about 25% food insecurity. Working with those that are good at doing (COA) to implement. Evans: 25% over all of Austin? Patel: Confident that numbers are even higher in Eastern Crescent. Mays: Most compelling part of this process? Patel: Teasing out the diversity of the community that can only be done when you engage in these conversations on the ground.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING

- a. Board Member Jessica Gaffney motioned to approve the meeting minutes from April 11, 2016
- b. Board Member Errol Schweizer seconded the motion to approve
- c. All in favor of approving; none opposed

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Board Infrastructure & Protocol:
 - i. Meetings with City and County Officials –
 - 1) Dustin had meeting on books with Katherine Nicely of CM Garza’s office, was unable to make it but Edwin gave brief update. Food shed study.
 - ii. 2015 Annual Report – with Kathy Green

- iii. Board Recommendation Follow-Up
 - 1) Local and Healthy Food Procurement updates from Edwin – Center for Good Food Purchasing coming to do site visits with pilot partners to implement program locally (UT, AISD, Central Health). Board members invited to join these tours if interested contact Amanda Rohlich.
 - 2) Healthy Food Access Funding
 - a. Healthy Corner Store Initiative
 - i. Implementation -- GAVA expanding in 78744, 45
 - ii. Evaluation RFP – UT School of Public Health received letter of selection
 - b. Farm stand – will be evaluated in house—Health and Human Services Department; solicitation closed 4/11/16
 - c. Mobile Market – will be evaluated in house by HHSD; solicitation was reopened—closed 5/3/2016

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Board Meeting – Adrienne Haschke provided update. Posted to Google Drive a document where board members can post comments that they want Adrienne to take to JSC. Next meeting May 26, 2016. Working groups: electricity and natural gas, land use and transportation, waste management. Adrienne Haschke will send working group dates to Board. Errol Schweizer expressed interest in attending workgroups.

(Sharon Mays stepped away from dais at 6:55 pm)

b. Working Group Briefings and Recommendations

i. Working Group Break-outs

- 1) Budget and Policy –Reminder to update profiles and meetings on Google Drive after meetings.
- 2) Codes and Ordinances – Edwin provided updates. CodeNext recommendations in to COA resolution.
- 3) Farmland Preservation and Access – defer to Gail Rothe. Food Systems Study advocacy. Looking to setup meetings with Pool, Garza, and Kitchen. Plan is to get in front of as many council members to request funding. End of year funding or trying to get funded in FY 17. Economic Development Summit in Bastrop. Area of what study would cover is still under consideration. Many ways to define food shed. Meredith working on drafting language for community gardens which is located on Google Drive. Sari SFC Grow Local Program Coordinator. License agreement process for community gardens easier. Hoping to present to working group in May and then to full board in June.
- 4) Food Safety and Innovation – two members interested in this item have resigned. No updates.
- 5) Healthy Food Security and Access – Edwin provided updates in Kathy Green’s absence. City of Austin resolution to provide recommendations on improving food access and addressing the SNAP gap. Using the working group to convene these meetings. Brainstormed ideas, created evaluation criteria, arrive at recommendations/themes for recommendations. 1) Planning, 2) Healthy Food Financing, 3) Outreach/Education, 4) Affordability (incentive program), 5) Transportation/infrastructure, 6) School Food, 7) Urban Food Production, 8) SNAP .Gap. Meeting next week to continue vetting this process. Goal is in two weeks to have presentation to Assistant City Manager and then be ready for Council June 15. Edwin to send out invite to Board. Is this separate from the \$400k. How do we advocate to continue funding for the \$400k if there is not anything to evaluate. Question: Do we review budgets as board? Budget and Policy working group to track.

ii. Review of Board Member Assignments

- 1) Standing item: **all Board Members** to update Council and Commissioner profiles and meeting info as needed
- 2) **Kathy Green** to update bios with County Commissioner info
- 3) **Adrienne Haschke** to send Joint Sustainability Committee working group dates to Board Members
- 4) **Office of Sustainability** to send Healthy Food Security and Access working group meeting invite to Board
- 5) **Office of Sustainability** to share dates on tours for Good Food Purchasing Program
- 6) **Office of Sustainability** to send digital copy of Food for All report late May or early June
- 7) **Adrienne Haschke** to follow up with UT micro farm
- 8) **Jake Carter and Kathy Green** to research and recommend advocacy training

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

i. June

- 1) Health and Human Services Department -- Budget
- 2) Meredith Gray (PARD) and Sari Albornoz (SFC) -- Community Gardens

ii. Future

- 1) Advocacy training beginning of 2016
- 2) Larry Schooler Community Conversation Corps
- 3) Austin Resource Recovery – updates
- 4) CAFB moving into new food bank in June and offering tours
- 5) Brighter Bites

ADJOURNMENT 7:50 pm adjourned