



Austin Travis County Food Policy Board



MEETING MINUTES Monday, February 13, 2017

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Street Jones Building, 1000 East 11th St., 4th Floor, Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702 at 6 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kathy Green called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kathy Green (Chair), Alexandra Evans (Vice Chair), Dustin Fedako, Jessica Gaffney, Michael Hanan, Felipe Camacho, Jake Carter, Adrienne Haschke, Sharon Mays

Absent Board Members:

Errol Schweizer, Karen Magid

Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich, Sarah Stein-Lobovits, Meredith Gray

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.

Henry and Lisa Notley – Looking for permitting that supports their type of food business. Recommendation for this issue to be taken up by the Codes and Ordinances working group.

Sean Meyer – Looking for support to relocate abandoned greenhouse from adjacent property to his property; Get Well Farm. Edwin Marty and Meredith Gray to help connect Sean Meyer to Council member offices and provide community garden support.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a) Travis County Budget Update, County Executive Sherri Fleming, Travis – could not attend but plans to attend in March

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING

Board Member Dustin Fedako motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 12, 2016 with Board Member Michael Hanan seconding the motion to approve. All are in favor of approving with none opposing.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol

- 1) Kathy Green met with District 4 Council Member, Greg Casar, to give updates on healthy food access funding. Casar Expressed support of the board's work.

b) Board Recommendations Follow-up

- 1) Local and Healthy Food Procurement – Edwin Marty provided updates on the Good Food Purchasing Program. Next steps will be goal setting with pilot partners for improvements for year two. Austin Convention Center to participate as a pilot partner to conduct baseline measurement. How do we ensure continuity from a policy perspective?
- 2) Healthy Food Access funding – Sarah Stein-Lobovits gave update on funding. See back-up material for presentation.
- 3) Food Environment Analysis – Edwin Marty gave quick update on progress of data collection. Data collection should be completed by April with maps and analysis complete by early summer.
- 4) Safe Routes to Markets – where do people need infrastructure the most to be able to safely access food retail. Looking at dovetailing this work into the mobility bond.
- 5) Community Gardens – Meredith Gray is now full time as Community Garden Sustainable Agriculture and has budget for Community Gardens of \$4500 per year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Board meeting on January 25th

- 1) Passive housing standards to improve efficiency of multifamily housing
- 2) Electrification of City fleet
- 3) Materials and Waste management subgroup looking at providing organics diversion at multifamily housing. Adrienne to attend some of the food recovery WG meetings to plug in

b) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations

- 1) Budget and Policy – Kathy Green provided update. Jessica Gaffney created Advocacy Calendar that can be found on Google Drive
- 2) Codes and Ordinances – Sharon Mays provided update. Last meeting was field trip to site to ground truth code application at Rutland and Lamar. Someone from Farmland Preservation WG to join Sharon Mays.
- 3) Farmland Preservation and Access – Michael Hanan provided update. At past meeting discussed the food system study of Central Texas that the working group has been advocating for the past couple of years. Sue Beckwith has lead on funding for the study with foundation funding. Exploring discounts, tax breaks that can be extended to farmers at the local level. Bringing resolution to next full board meeting for support of State legislative efforts. Local Food Day, March 9.
- 4) Food and Climate—Adrienne Haschke provided update. Looking for additional community support. Looked at all research that quantifies greenhouse gas emissions associated with food and agriculture sector. Difficult to do but Portland has a methodology that Austin may be able to emulate. Hoping to have taskforce for each category of the food system.
- 5) Healthy Food Security and Access – Kathy Green provided update. Splitting into sub-groups of transportation and policy recommendations. Will reconvene in March as full working group.
- 6) Food Recovery – Dustin Fedako provided update. Focus on higher piece of the hierarchy of beneficial uses; feeding people. Group broken into four taskforces that are focused on gathering more information 1) mapping food permitted businesses (donators) and recipients (pantries, organizations, etc.) 2) research and collaboration with other organizations across the nation 3) complete information about food pantries and food

- banks 4) creating profiles of food permitted businesses and understanding their organic waste and recommending specific strategies by profile type
- 7) Institutional Food Purchasing – Edwin Marty provided update. Mentioned UT’s food service survey that is being sent out campus

6. REVIEW OF BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

- a) Edwin Marty to send out [Board Member Matrix](#) for members to update their information
- b) Amanda Rohlich to send out link to sign up for the Fresh for Less Newsletter
- c) Kathy Green to send out the Recommendation template that working groups can use to bring recommendations to the full board. Will also put on google drive
- d) Working Groups to bring resolutions by next full board meeting

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) March – Sherri Fleming, Overview of Travis County
- b) April -- Updates from State Leg Ag related bills

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kathy Green adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. without objection.