



## Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board



## MEETING MINUTES Monday, February 12, 2018

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, February 12, 2018 at the Carver Branch Library, 1161 Angelina St., Austin, TX 78703 at 6 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kathy Green called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

### Board Members in Attendance:

Andrea Abel, Felipe Camacho, Jake Carter, Kathy Green (Chair), Jessica Gaffney, Michael Hanan, Adrienne Haschke, Karen Magid, Sharon Mays, Alexandra Van Den Berg (Vice Chair),

### Absent Board Members:

Dustin Fedako

### Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich, Elliot Smith (Travis County)

### 1) CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a) 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.

Brenton Johnson, Johnson Backyard Garden. Need for public water supply for Hergotz farm property in order to have clean, safe, potable water at farm for washing produce.

### 2) STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a) Dr. Huang, Austin Public Health, Chronic Disease updates (see back-up materials for presentation)  
Link to [CDC 500 Cities Data for Better Health](https://www.cdc.gov/500cities/) : <https://www.cdc.gov/500cities/>

### 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2017 AND JANUARY 2018 MEETING

Board Member Michael Hanan motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 9, 2017 with Board Member Karen Magid seconding the motion to approve, pending minor edits. All are in favor of approving with none opposing.

Board Member Michael Hanan motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 8, 2018 with Board Member Jake Carter seconding the motion to approve, pending minor edits. All are in favor of approving with none opposing.

### 4) OLD BUSINESS

- i) Board Infrastructure & Protocol
  - (1) Review Board Members' meetings with City and County Officials - none
  - (2) Discuss changing 2018 meeting dates and take possible action – discussion to move September meeting from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Yom Kippur holiday. Michael Hanan motioned, with Alexandra Van den Berg seconding the motion to approve. All are in favor of approving with none opposing.
- ii) Board Recommendations Follow-up
  - (1) Discuss Paid Sick Leave Policy and take possible action
    - (a) Citizen Communication
      - (i) Paula McDermott in support of earned sick leave ordinance

- (ii) Tom Kenney, restaurant owner. Feels ordinance is poorly written and does not consider complexity of the issue. Against the ordinance as written.
- (iii) Skeeter Miller, restaurant owner. Spoke against the ordinance as written.
- (iv) Laurence Denis donated three minutes to Paula McDermott, who addressed concerned and spoke in support of ordinance as written.
- (v) Laura Rosen yielded her three minutes to Tom Kenney who addressed additional concerns with ordinance as written.
- (b) Board discussion of questions and concerns
  - (i) Questions/concerns:
    1. Concern around time frame and need to act quickly; concern that the process has been undertaken in such a short time frame.
    2. Concern that the ordinance applies to all businesses including microenterprises. Does this apply to all employees (i.e. babysitter)?
    3. Can the City of Austin be exempt as an employer?
    4. Concern to better understand the fiscal impact of this ordinance.
    5. Discussion of accrual of time (64 hour cap)
    6. Questions as to whether other paid time off would count towards paid sick leave.
    7. Process related discussion
      - a. Set for City Council agenda on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, for a vote.
      - b. Alternative ordinance proposed by Council Member Jimmy Flannigan that exempts smaller businesses (less than 5 employees)
    8. Concern about not having seen the source documents and research to support the language in the ordinance.
  - (ii) Karen Magid motions to put forth the recommendation from the Healthy Food Access Working Group with Alexandra Van den Berg seconding the motion to discuss. Karen Magid withdraws motion.

## 5) NEW BUSINESS

- i) Resolution honoring Springdale Farm and take possible action – Resolution language not yet drafted; table for future meeting. Michael Hanan, Adrienne Haschke and Karen Magid to draft language for next meeting.
- ii) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Board meeting
  - (1) Presentation of the Proposed Food and Climate Addendum to the Austin Community Climate Plan and take possible action on recommendation
    - (a) Citizen Communication
      - (i) Danika Trierweiler speaking in support of the Food and Climate Addendum to the Austin Community Climate Plan
      - (ii) Christine Jovanovic speaking in support of the Food and Climate Addendum to the Austin Community Climate Plan
    - (b) Options for moving forward
      - (i) Council Committee Request to be added to agenda
      - (ii) Resolution
    - (c) Karen Magid made a motion to send to the Council Committee Request for item to be added to committee’s agenda with Andrea Abel seconding motion. All board members are in favor with none opposing.

Alexandra Van den Berg left dais at 8:03 pm

- iii) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
  - (1) Citizen Communication
    - (a) Charla Welch – speaking to the Food Recovery Working Group priorities, specifically the food waste study
  - (2) *Codes and Ordinances* –

- (a) Create productive relationship with Austin Public Health
- (b) Oversight committee to review
- (3) *Farmland Preservation and Access*
  - (a) Travis County owns 67 acre lot next to jail that will be turned into farmland
  - (b) Continuing to work with City of Austin and Travis County to make lands available for farmland
  - (c) Find parcels eligible for farmland preservation
  - (d) Reduce cost barriers and permitting barriers for existing farmers
- (4) *Food and Climate*
  - (a) Addressed above
- (5) *Healthy Food Security and Access*
  - (a) Expand the distribution of fresh produce using already established hubs in city and county neighborhood centers.
  - (b) Craft food access priorities to place on the city and county's agendas for the 2019 Texas legislative session.
  - (c) Request that the City of Austin utilize city owned land for affordable housing; prioritize areas surrounding healthy food access outlets.
- (6) *Food Recovery*
  - (a) Food Pantry Permitting
  - (b) Need to discuss second priority with working group
- iv) Review of Board Member Assignments

**6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Resolution honoring Springdale Farm

**7) BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS**

- a) Michael Hanan, Adrienne Haschke and Karen Magid to draft language for resolution to acknowledge Springdale Farm and to build awareness around farmland taken out of production
- b) Kathy Green to circulate additional information on Paid Sick Leave Policy (my notes were sketchy on this—I'm not sure what exactly she was going to share. Kathy, please let me know if I need to amend this note for follow-up.)
- c) Andrea Abel to draft resolution to recognize Marla Camp
- d) Edwin Marty to send [Austin Public Health town hall information](#) out to board

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kathy Green adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. without objection.