



Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board



MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 9, 2018

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, April 9, 2018 at Street Jones, 1000 E. 11th Street, 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:

Andrea Abel, Felipe Camacho, Kathy Green (Chair), Michael Hanan, Adrienne Haschke, Margaret Kao, Karen Magid

Absent Board Members:

Jake Carter, Dustin Fedako, Jessica Gaffney, Sharon Mays, Alexandra Van Den Berg (Vice Chair)

Staff in Attendance:

Juanita Jackson, 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.
Juanita Jackson provided brief overview of and update on research and planning department.

2) STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a) Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager, City of Austin. Overview of the Food Environment Analysis. (see back-up materials for presentation)

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 2018 MEETING

Board Member Michael Hanan motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 12, 2018 with Board Member Karen Magid 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
 - (a) Felipe Camacho attended HABLA with many City and County officials in attendance.
- ii) Board Recommendations Follow-up
 - (1) Paid Sick Leave Policy – Edwin Marty and Amanda Rohlich met with Workers Defense Project. Nothing currently in place to evaluate impact of ordinance.
 - (2) Use of City-owned Land for Urban Agriculture – Real Estate services put together analysis of best-use for specified City tracts. Winnebago was identified as one of these properties. Property may also be sold with revenue earmarked for another property more suitable for agriculture.
 - (3) Food and Climate Report – On the calendar to present to Health and Human Services Council Committee. Meeting was cancelled so rescheduled for June meeting.

5) NEW BUSINESS

- i) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Board meeting – Adrienne Haschke provided update. Was not able to attend last meeting because she was at a conference. Gave update on general activities of the group. Next area of focus will be on transportation sector. As related to the Waste and Recovery category, Evaluation Landfill Criteria Matrix is being developed by a ZWAC workgroup evaluate greenhouse gas emissions at landfills.
- ii) Discussion and possible action on resolution to recognize Marla Camp
 - (1) Recommendation adopting a resolution to recognize Marla Camp was approved on Board Member Andrea Abel motion, Board Member Adrienne Haschke second on a 7-0 vote. Board Members Jake Carter, Dustin Fedako, Jessica Gaffney, Sharon Mays, and Alexandra Van Den Berg absent.
- iii) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - (1) *Codes and Ordinances* –
 - (a) Edwin Marty provided updates. Group looked at 3.0 version of CodeNEXT draft language.
 - (b) Language in Urban Farm section was confusing. Working Group is providing some draft replacement language to provide clarity.
 - (c) Looking at codes around food pantry
 - (2) *Farmland Preservation and Access*
 - (a) Michael Hanan provided update. New meeting location at Travis County offices.
 - (b) Discussed County land for agriculture. Dovetails with City efforts in Onion Creek Floodplain Buyouts.
 - (c) Discussion of Recommendation to recognize Springdale Farm and support of Farmland Preservation.
 - (d) Johnsons Backyard Garden interest in access to City utility services. Creative ways of financing these utilities in the future. Staff met with JBG to discuss possible options. Questions about possible financing options. Food safety modernization act requires potable water for washing produce.
 - (3) *Food and Climate*
 - (a) No updates
 - (4) *Healthy Food Security and Access*
 - (a) Working Group is broken up in three subcommittees: 1) affordable housing and food access, 2) increase food access at Travis County Community Center pantries, 3) recommending food and food systems related issues to put on the Legislative agenda
 - (b) Austin-Travis County CHA/CHIP process. Healthy Food Access has been identified as key issue in CHA. CHIP will work through the Healthy Food Access Working Group of the Board to develop their plan around food access so as not to duplicate efforts.
 - (5) *Food Recovery*
 - (a) Food Pantry Permitting – working group doing some additional research on context and impact. Gathering input from Austin Public Health, food pantries, look to other practices in peer cities.
 - (b) Considering a recommendation to promote food recovery at City-owned facilities, starting with Austin Convention Center.
 - (c) Supporting a food recovery study led by Austin Resource Recovery
- iv) Review of Board Member Assignments
 - (1) All board members to email Michael Hanan with any edits or suggestions to Springdale/Farmland Preservation resolution.
 - (2) Edwin to follow-up with Board members on who needs to be reappointed

6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Election of officers at May meeting

- b) Discuss and take possible action on Resolution honoring Springdale Farm
- c) Cassie Davis to present on Food Pantry Research

7) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kathy Green adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. without objection.