



Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board

MEETING MINUTES February 10, 2020

The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, February 10, 2020 at Cepeda Branch Library, 651 N Pleasant Valley Rd, Austin, TX 78702.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Karen Magid called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M.

Board Members in Attendance:

Felipe Camacho, Karen Magid (Chair), Kara Prior, Emily DeMaria, Sharon Mays, Joi Chevalier, Kacey Hanson, Ellen Sweets, Andrea Abel

Absent Board Members:

Lorig Hawkins (Vice-Chair), Roman Gonzalez, Ryan Rosshirt

Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty, Sam Night, Emily Ackland, Amanda Rohlich

- 1) **INTRODUCTION of NEW BOARD MEMBER:** Ellen Sweets, previous food writer, one of biggest concerns is food waste.
- 2) **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**
 - i) 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. Katie Valias – trying to start a business that would provide temperature-controlled lock boxes to be used as a CSA pick-up locations.
- 3) **STAFF BRIEFINGS**
 - i) Office of Sustainability City of Austin Budget Update (see back-up materials for Recommended FY 2020-21 Budget Calendar Memorandum)
 - i) Departmental budgets are due in May, so any requests need to have recommendations by April.
 - ii) Update from Emily DeMaria about the Commission on Seniors Community Budget Forum (and survey which is open until February 28th)
 - iii) Reach out to Joshua Robinson to help liaison to Quality of Life Commissions
 - iv) Discussion of the board to have a process for focusing on budget items and getting ahead of the process. Add this to the strategic planning meeting process. When inviting speakers, ask if they have a specific funding need.
 - v) Need to add budget to “Old Business” on future agendas
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 13th MEETING**

Will approve January meeting minutes at next meeting due to clerical error.

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 2 days (48 hours) before the meeting date. Please call Edwin Marty, Office of Sustainability at 512-974-2120, for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

For more information on the Food Policy Board please contact Edwin Marty at 512-974-2120

5) OLD BUSINESS

- i) Board Appointments
 - (1) Discuss Recruitment Strategy – Lorig Hawkins was not in attendance and unable to give updates. There is still one mayoral vacancy.
- ii) Board Infrastructure & Protocol
 - (1) Follow up on Board Strategic Plan – next strategic planning meeting in August. Working Group assessment and reorganization to occur in June as part of the Annual Internal Review. Bring summary to June report. Bring budget ideas to August Strategic Planning meeting
 - (2) Discuss Marketing Strategy
 - (a) Joi Chevalier to submit editorial calendar to City and County staff
 - (3) Review Board Members’ meetings with City and County Officials
 - (a) Karen Magid met with Judge Eckhart on January 29th. Annual Review, three recommendations, Climate Plan revision highlights. Key takeaway was a reminder to not forget about the County in work. Low opportunity census tracks across county and how it has changed. Sustainable agriculture and how it impacts county. Ag operations at county and county jail. How to get farmers and developers “to be friends”. What metrics she is asking for: food insecurity and GDP from agriculture.
 - (b) Joi to meet with Brigid Shea next week and Eddie Rodriguez
- iii) Board Recommendations
 - (1) Update on the COA Land Development Code rewrite

6) NEW BUSINESS

- i) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Board meeting – voted to approve LDC language that the food policy board passed.
- ii) Debrief of the Community Climate Plan –
 - (1) Consumption Group - food focused presentations to the group are having at the end of this month.
 - (2) Natural Systems – looking at the role of agriculture land in carbon sequestration. Adrienne Haschke presented to the group on the Comet tool.
- iii) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - (1) *Build Opportunities for Food Entrepreneurs* - Sharon Mays provided updates. Working group is developing talking points and issue brief to leave behind with Council to encourage them to create the task force.
 - (2) *Support Farms & Farmers* – no meeting last month; there is an opportunity for the working group to inform the natural systems advisory group of the Austin Community Climate Plan.
 - (3) *Healthy Food Access to All Communities* – no meeting last month
 - (4) *Food and Gardens* – no update
- iv) Review of Board Member Assignments
 - (1) Board member Kacey Hanson to reach out to Joshua Robinson regarding how the group should liaison with Quality of Life Commissions and budget requests
 - (2) Staff to add discussion of budget items to the strategic planning meeting process
 - (3) Board members to ask guest speakers if they have a specific funding need
 - (4) Staff to add budget to “Old Business” on future agendas

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 2 days (48 hours) before the meeting date. Please call Edwin Marty, Office of Sustainability at 512-974-2120, for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

For more information on the Food Policy Board please contact Edwin Marty at 512-974-2120

- (5) Board member Joi Chevalier to submit editorial calendar to City and County staff
- (6) Office of Sustainability staff to present Food Stress Index and Food Environment Analysis at a County Work Session – coordinate with Emily Ackland
- (7) All board members to provide comments on the LDC rewrite to Karen before the next meeting
- (8) All board members to brainstorm and submit alternate meeting locations to Amanda Rohlich
- (9) All board members to provide working group annual review / recap at June board meeting

7) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

2020 Agenda Items:

- i) Prioritize future agenda items and speaker
- ii) Marketable Skills Program at County Jail
- iii) Water policy
- iv) ARR Universal Recycling Ordinance/Organic Diversion updates
- v) Economic Development – food retail recruitment update
- vi) APH – Annual program updates
- vii) Homelessness updates – food related
- viii) AISD updates – food overview
- ix) Climate plan updates
- x) Procurement updates

8) ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Karen Magid adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 2 days (48 hours) before the meeting date. Please call Edwin Marty, Office of Sustainability at 512-974-2120, for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

For more information on the Food Policy Board please contact Edwin Marty at 512-974-2120