



Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board

MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2021

The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, February 1, 2021 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>

Board Members in Attendance:

Andrea Abel, Alejandra Boughton, Felipe Camacho, Joy Casnovsky, Joi Chevalier, Emily De Maria (joined dais at 8:40 am), Kacey Hanson, Karen Magid (Chair), Sharon Mays (joined dais at 8:17), Kara Prior (Vice-Chair), Ryan Rosshirt

Absent board members: Ellen Sweets

Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Karen Magid called the meeting to order at 8:06 am

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Adam Orman, Loco d' Oro -- Concerned about solicitation and procurement office process. Believes there is little to no accountability on wage or local presence requirements and no nutritional guidelines outside of a calorie count. Does not meet what should be minimum requirements for food procurement. Adam Orman also expressed support for Restaurant Recovery recommendation to support local businesses.

Robert Nathan Allen, Little Herds – Seconded comments above

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY MEETING

Board Member Kacey Hanson motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 4, 2021, with Board Member Joi Chevalier seconding the motion. Passed on a 10-0 vote.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Presentation from Ashton Cumberbatch, Equidad ATX / LiveWell ViveBien (see back-up materials for presentation)
- b. Presentation from Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager – Update on the 87th State Legislative Agenda (see back-up materials for presentation)

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Board Infrastructure and Protocol
 - i. Review Board Members' meetings with City and County Officials

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- i. Board appointments terms expiring. Need to reapply. Kacey Hanson and Andrea Abel have both reached out to initiate reappointment. Kara Prior and Karen Magid are offering assistance to anyone who needs help with reappointment.
 - ii. Sharon Mays reached out to CM Natasha Harper Madison to discuss the Restaurant Recovery Recommendation (item 4.b.iii.i)
 - b. Board Vacancies
 - c. Review Prior Board Recommendations and Discuss City Budget
 - i. Need to vote on budget items in March full-board meeting. As an emergency back-up, can use the April full-board meeting if needed. Guidance towards program efficiency rather than new spending.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FY 2021 Strategic Planning Review and Discussion
- b. Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - i. Governance
 - ii. Food and Climate
 - i. Discuss and take possible action on a recommendation to support the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration
 - iii. Build Opportunities for Food Entrepreneurs
 - i. Discuss and take possible action on a recommendation to support restaurant recovery
 - 1. Suggestion to get letters of support from interested restaurants, list names in recommendation, and interested patrons. City could support with communications plan.
 - 2. Suggestion to find a way to include Travis County in recommendation.
 - 3. Sharon Mays motioned to vote on the recommendation with Kacey Hanson seconding.
 - 4. The motion passed on a 7-3 vote with Board Members Mays, Hanson, Magid, Chevalier, Rodriguez-Broughton, Abel, and Camacho voting in favor for. Board members Casnovsky and Prior voted against. Board member DeMaria-Nicola abstained.
 - iv. Support Farms & Farmers
 - v. Healthy Food Access to All Communities
 - vi. COVID-19 Food System Response

Joy Casnovsky left the dais at 10 am

- c. Review of Board Member Assignments
 - i. Share legislative updates in the Austin Food Notes
 - ii. Share Edwin's Legislative Updates Presentation
 - iii. Amanda to send budget timeline email to all board members
 - iv. Kara Prior and Karen Magid are offering assistance to anyone who needs help with reappointment. Kacey Hanson, Andrea Abel, Felipe Camacho, and Ellen Sweets have terms that expire at the end of February.
 - v. Kacey Hanson to meet with Sharon Mays offline to discuss additional suggestions for the recommendation.

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- vi. Board Members schedule WG meetings and send information to Amanda Rohlich to include in Austin Food Notes

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Revisit if ATCFPB has any recommendations on legislative agenda; brief updates from Edwin Marty Jan-May
- b. April - Advocacy training and internal governance issues
- c. April – Presentation from Travis County Corrections
- d. Alejandra Rodriguez to present her Land Trust concept paper in February/March
- e. Alba Sereno to join future Healthy Food Access WG meeting in February or Full Board in March to provide update on Community Resiliency Planning Process. Cross promote in COVID Response WG.
- f. March – Discussion of recommendation for inserting into budget process

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Karen Magid adjourned the meeting at 10:04 am

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