



## **Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board**

## **MEETING MINUTES December 12th, 2022**

The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened a on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> at the City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Room 2103, Austin, TX 78752.

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Lisa Barden, Frances Deviney, Kacey Hanson, Cecilia Hogan, Karen Magid, Rosamaria Murillo, Sharon Mays, Errol Schweizer

### **Board Members Absent:**

Andrea Abel, Joi Chevalier, Adrian Lipscombe

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Edwin Marty (City of Austin), Amanda Rohlich (City of Austin), Emmie DiCicco (City of Austin)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pro Tempore Kacey Magid called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Dwight Moore, Joseph's Kitchen, made an introduction to the Board.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER MEETING**

1. Board Member Karen Magid motioned to approve the meeting minutes with Board Member Lisa Barden seconding the motion. Minutes passed on a 8-0 vote.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Review board members' meetings with City and County officials. Lisa Barden met with Natasha Harper Madison about potential uses for used cut flowers. Dr. Murillo met with County staff around rental assistance and COVID.
3. Board vacancies and appointments. Mayor Adler has made two final appointments: Sari Vatske from Central Texas Food Bank and Heather Emerson from Prep to Your Door.
4. Review prior board recommendations and discuss City and County budgets. Errol Schweizer is interested in pursuing a living wage. Brief presentation from Edwin Marty on City of Austin and Travis County budget overview (see back-up materials)
  - a. Citizen communication on this agenda item: Justin Lanier – Question about how departmental budget recommendations and Board and Commission budget recommendations interact. Boards can make recommendations to departments in March and departments must include a response to that board addressing the recommendation.

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

5. Discussion and take possible action on Joint Sustainability Committee meeting – JSC did not meet

Board Member Rosamaria Murillo left the virtual dais at 7:10 pm.

6. Discussion and take possible action on Emergency Preparedness, Including Resilience Hubs, Lisa Barden. Lisa Barden was not able to convene the group prior to the meeting. Next step will be to meet with City staff to get updates on City Resilience Hubs and Disaster Food and Water Appendix. Lisa will also look into how community in North Carolina responded to food needs during recent disaster.
7. Discussion and take possible action on Improved Food Access for People in Need, Kacey Hanson, Andrea Abel, Lisa Barden. Kacey Hanson and Lisa Barden met to discuss. Andrea Abel was briefed and in full support. Kacey and Lisa reviewed notes from strategic planning session and highlighted some things they'd like to move forward with. Will focus on some of the food pantry work. No program or policy currently in mind but would like to convene group to discuss opportunities for action. Will want to engage new board member, Sari Vatske, in supporting pantries better. Unlikely for a budget to be prepared before March 2023 but will be in good shape to have something well thought out for 2024.
8. Discussion and take possible action on Business and Labor Advocacy, Sharon Mays. No update at this time.
9. Discussion and take possible action on Food as Public Utility/Public Food Sector, Errol Schweizer. Errol Schweizer provided brief update. He met with Joi Chevalier to discuss. They propose merging this priority with the Emergency Preparedness/Resilience work including exploration of some of the following strategies: expanded public procurement, who in the City might manage some of that inventory management, private sector incentives that align businesses with City needs,
10. Discussion and take possible action on Expand Market Penetration of Locally and Regionally Sourced and Manufactured Foods, Errol Schweizer, Sharon Mays. Errol will not be able to work on this at this time.
11. Review Board Member Assignments
  - a. Errol Schweizer and Karen Magid to discuss a policy for the development of a living wage.
  - b. City staff to understand opportunities for community input on the SD 2028 and the timeline for completing that
  - c. Lisa Barden to meet with City staff to get updates on City Resilience Hubs and Disaster Food and Water Appendix
  - d. Lisa Barden, Errol Schweizer, and Joi Chevalier to meet with Emmie DiCicco to discuss some of the opportunities around public food procurement, storage, and management and staffing capacity.
  - e. Emmie DiCicco to look into how State of Utah and Country of Switzerland handle this issue of public food procurement, storage, and management and staffing.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Karen Magid made a motion to have an update from the Disaster Food and Water Appendix to the Emergency Operations Plan with Frances Deviney seconding.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Pro Tempore Chair Kacey Hanson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

The minutes were approved at the January 10, 2023, meeting on Board Member Joi Chevalier's motion, Board Member Adrian Lipscombe's second with a 8-0 vote.