



Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board

MEETING MINUTES February 13, 2023

The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened a on Monday February 13th at the City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Room 2103, Austin, TX 78752.

Board Members in Attendance:

Andrea Abel, Lisa Barden, Joi Chevalier, Frances Deviney, Cecilia Hogan, Adrian Lipscombe, Karen Magid

Board Members Absent:

Kacey Hanson, Rosamaria Murillo

Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty (City of Austin), Amanda Rohlich (City of Austin), Sergio Torres-Peralta (City of Austin)

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Joi Chevalier called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Brandi Clark Burton volunteer with Austin Reuse Coalition; shared update about the work that group, along with Plastics Reduction, is doing to do education on rebates and opportunities in business community. Suggesting the board explore budget and staffing to help City do more engagement.

Dwight Moore has been attending these meetings since December. Looking to see if there is anyone on the board who has understanding of how population growth is impacting the local food system.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY MEETING

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Review board members' meetings with City and County officials. None.
3. Review prior board recommendations and discuss City and County budgets. City of Austin budget recommendations from Boards and Commissions are due by March 31.
4. Board vacancies and appointments; discuss reappointments.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discuss and take possible action on electing a Chair and Vice-Chair
 - a. Nominations for Chair. Karen Magid nominated Joi Chevalier. Joi Chevalier elected on 8-0 vote.
 - b. Nominations for Vice-Chair. Joi Chevalier nominated Lisa Barden. Lisa Barden elected Vice-Chair on an 8-0 vote.
6. Discussion and take possible action on Joint Sustainability Committee meeting, Frances Deviney. Frances was unable to make January meeting for the Strategic Planning session. They identified four big buckets for moving action forward.

7. Discussion and take possible action on Food Planning, Karen Magid (Community Advisory Committee liaison for ATCFPB). Karen provided overview of recent activity. She recently attended an Equity Grounding workshop facilitated by Tane Ward Consulting with other members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), Staff, and Community Food Ambassadors (CFA). Suggestion for everyone to get plugged into the Issue Area Groups whose participants will also be attending the Equity Grounding workshop. There is a hope that all board members will plug into the Issue Area Groups once announced.
8. Discussion and take possible action on Food Recovery, Lisa Barden. Last week's food recovery meeting was cancelled last week due to storm outages. Jamie Olson, from Feeding Texas, was set to present on the work they are doing on the Surplus Agricultural Products Grant Program (from \$10 million to \$20 million).
 - a. Have opportunity to apply to Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) next generation of Food Matters cohort. Will ask NRDC to come speak at future Food Recovery WG meeting. Food Recovery WG is focused on food recovery for human consumption.
 - b. Considering picking up the work of Charitable Feeding Organization (CFO) updates. Lion's share of food handling certification goes through ServSafe which is owned by the National Restaurant Association who lobbies heavily to suppress the minimum wage in the food service industry; and Food Handler Certification is required for all food industry workers in only 4 states. Consider removing this requirement for some CFOs.
 - c. CFOs are required to submit an Organics Diversion Plan but are rubberstamped.
 - d. Food Recovery working group meets the second Wednesday of the month
9. Discussion and take possible action on Emergency Preparedness, Including Resilience Hubs, Lisa Barden. Lisa provided an update that he met with Marc Coudert regarding the Resilience Hubs. Lisa attended a Resilience Blueprint community meeting at the YMCA. Lisa to connect with Joi Chevalier, Sari Vatske, and Frances Deviney on this item. Sari Vatske looking for clarification on where the focus is on preparedness, response or recovery.
10. Discussion and take possible action on Improved Food Access for People in Need, Kacey Hanson, Andrea Abel, Lisa Barden. Andrea Abel provided update that board members met to discuss what this working group could be working on.
11. Review Board Member Assignments
 - a. All board members with Mayoral appointment re-apply and send email to Karen Magid with intent to reapply.
 - b. Lisa Barden to connect with Joi Chevalier, Sari Vatske, and Frances Deviney on the Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Hub Working Group.
 - c. Any board members interested to join the Improved Food Access WG, let Andrea Abel know. Sari Vatske expressed interest in joining.
 - d. Amanda Rohlich to share Future Agenda Items; Board Members to email Amanda if you have a suggestion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Emmie DiCicco to present out on Resilience Hubs and Supply Chain Vulnerability Assessment

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Joi Chevalier adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

The minutes were approved at the April 10, 2023 meeting on Board Member Andrea Abel's motion, Board Member Karen Magid's second with a 8-0 vote.