



**Sustainable Food Policy Board
Food Production and Business Committee**

**APRIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

The Food Production and Business Committee of the Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) convened on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, in Suite 2309 of the Travis County Palm Square Building, 100 I-35, Austin, Texas.

Committee chair Allison Beadle called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM.

Board Members in Attendance:

Allison Beadle
Dick Pierce
Melanie McAfee

Max Elliott
Marla Camp

Board Members not in Attendance:

Katie Kraemer

Staff in Attendance:

Daphne Richards, Texas AgriLife
Extension Service, Travis County
Margaret Russell, City of Austin PARD

Vince Cobalis, City of Austin HHSD
Rusty Coburn, Austin Water Utility

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:

No Citizens Communication

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2010 MEETING

Marla Camp moved to approve the minutes with the following as amendments:

- 3b Committee member Marla Camp informed the other committee members “about “meeting in the city planning commission. No action taken.
- 3d Committee member Katie Kraemer provided an update on the next steps with meter waiver criteria and the definition of “sustainable agriculture for community gardens. Committee member Max Elliott pointed out that a “definition of sustainable agriculture for community gardens” was not part of this issue and should be removed from this agenda item. Committee member Katie Kraemer then provided an update on the meter waiver criteria. Committee member Marla Camp moved to send this information to the entire SFP Board for approval. The motion was seconded by committee member Katie Kraemer. Committee member max Elliott abstained due to absence at the meeting. Vote 4-0-1
- The title of the minutes should read “March” instead of “February”

The motion was seconded by Committee member Dick Pierce Vote 5-0-0

3. PRESENTATION BY MARGARET RUSSELL ON COMMUNITY GARDEN RESOLUTION

Margaret Russell provided information on the status of new community gardens and on the possibility of the city of Austin to hire a person to be a liaison between the city and community garden organizers (see attached back-up documents). Committee chair Allison Beadle and

committee members Melanie McAfee and Marla Camp will make a report on this topic to the full SFPB at the next board meeting.

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

A. Update from Marla Camp on farmer's market permitting

Item postponed to next committee meeting, May 11, 2010.

B. Update from Marla Camp on possible resolutions that will impact the 2011 budget

Item postponed to next committee meeting, May 11, 2010.

C. Update from Dick Pierce and Melanie McAfee on composting research

Item postponed to next committee meeting, May 11, 2010.

D. Update from Dick Pierce on possible ordinance to ban roosters

Item postponed to next committee meeting, May 11, 2010.

E. Update from Katie Kraemer on next steps with meter waiver criteria and definition of sustainable agriculture for community gardens

Since committee member Katie Kraemer was absent, committee member Max Elliott presented recommended language for the resolution regarding this issue. Rusty Cobern, with Austin Water Utilities, presented information on guidelines for water meter waivers. No action taken.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss possible items for next committee meeting

Due to the lack of time, items 4 A, B, C, and D will be discussed at the next committee meeting, May 11, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM, when Committee members Max Elliott and Melanie McAfee left the meeting and a quorum was lost.