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SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICY BOARD

Advisory body to the City Council and Travis County Commissioners' Court concerning the need to improve the availability of safe, nutritious, locally, and sustainably-grown food at reasonable prices for all residents, particularly those in need, by coordinating the relevant activities of city government, as well as non-profit organizations, and food and farming businesses. See Section 2-1-170 of the City Code for additional duties.

Meetings:

- Fourth Monday of each month (except May and December)
- 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- See agenda or contact liaison for meeting location

2013 Meeting Schedule:

- January 28, 2013
- February 25, 2013
- March 25, 2013
- April 22, 2013
- May 28, 2013
- June 24, 2013
- July 22, 2013
- August 26, 2013
- September 23, 2013
- October 28, 2013

TOP CONTENT

- ☆ Workbooks
- ☆ Training
- ☆ Land Development Code Advisory Group Members

1. Add Subhead "Get Involved;"
2. Add text: "Find out more about the SFPB goals, resources, and how to get involved."
3. Hyperlink text to send user to <http://www.austintexas.gov/sustainability/food>

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SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICY BOARD

The Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) serves in the unique capacity of directly advising both the [Austin City Council](#) and the [Travis County Commissioners' Court](#) to improve the availability of safe, nutritious, locally and sustainably-grown food at reasonable prices for all residents, particularly those in need.

Scope



The scope of the board's charge is far-reaching, encompassing the assessment and strengthening of Austin and Travis County food systems as well as the accessibility and affordability of fresh food, the effectiveness of outreach and education. In addition, the board advises policymakers about two interrelated goals – a sustainable local food system and food system wellness.

The board is also charged with exploring new means for the City to improve the local food economy - the availability, sustainability, accessibility and quality of food and our environment - and with the City and County departments in the coordination of their efforts.

Establishment

The board was officially established with [Ordinance 20081120](#), which added the SFPB to the city code and describes its purpose. The Travis County Commissioners' Court approved a similar ordinance so that the board was seated and began meeting in the spring of 2009.

Meetings

View the [Boards and Commissions Information Center](#) to find out meeting dates and times for the SFPB.

Get Involved

- [Subscribe to the SFPB email list.](#)
- [Join an SFPB working group.](#)
- [Check current board membership information to look for open](#)

TOP CONTENT

- ★ [Food Handler Registration](#)
- ★ [Immunizations](#)
- ★ [STD \(Sexually Transmitted Diseases\) Clinic](#)
- ★ [Obtaining a Birth or Death Certificate](#)
- ★ [Business Applications and Guides](#)

1. Add subhead: Board Goals

2. Add text (moved from top of <http://austintexas.gov/departmentsustainable-food-policy-board-working-groups>):

Board Goals

Recommend policies that facilitate:

1. equitable access to healthy food that will end hunger in Austin and Travis County;
2. the high availability and consumption of local, fresh, and quality sustainably-produced food;
3. culture of good food as a fundamental right [local governments help create conducive environments];
4. robust and just local economy through the strengthening all five sectors of the food system; and
5. the preservation of agricultural land and family farming in Austin and Travis County.

Add link to "Get involved" page to left nav

Add intro narrative text (from CPIO's page <http://www.austintexas.gov/departmentsustainable-food-policy-board-working-groups>):

"There are several ways you can get involved with the Sustainable Food Policy Board. Check out this page to see ways you can stay informed and participate."

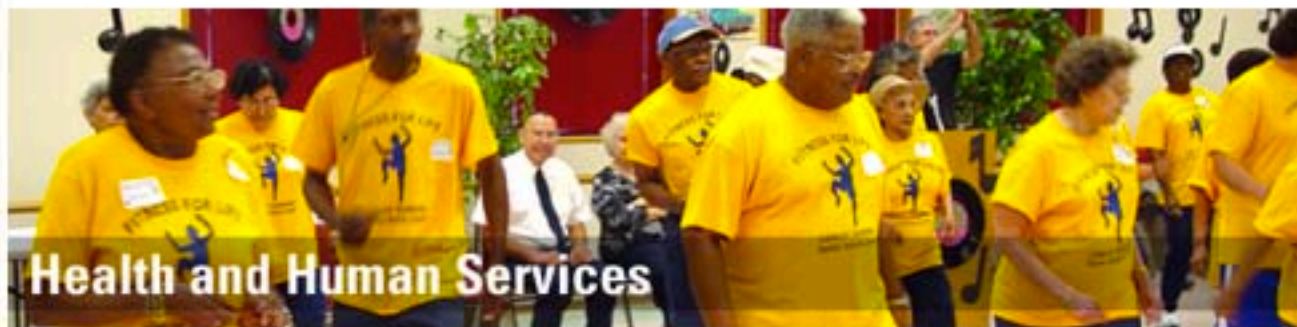
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Working Group Descriptions

English

Spanish

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If you are interested in joining a working group please contact the board liaison to find out about meeting dates, times and locations.

The new Working Group and Board Liaisons are:

1. Food Security: Kathy Green bc-Kathy.Green@austintexas.gov
2. Data Tracking and Collating: Meagan Jones bc-Meagan.Jones@austintexas.gov
3. Community Engagement and Outreach: Michele Murphy-Smith bc-Michele.Murphy-Smith@austintexas.gov
4. Buy Local Food Campaign: Maria Camp bc-Meagan.Jones@austintexas.gov
5. Retail Capacity Building: Paula McDermott bc-Paula.McDermott@austintexas.gov
6. Distribution/Processing of Local Meats: Erin Flynn bc-Erin.Flynn@austintexas.gov
7. Affordable Water for Sustainable Farms: Erin Flynn bc-

Remove this section and copy to SFPB landing page (<http://www.austintexas.gov/sustainability/food>) as indicated

Correct Working Group titles (see final page for text edits)

These 2 sections to be moved under subhead "Join a Working Group"

Add 3 subheads:

1. "Come to a Meeting,"
2. "Join a Working Group,"
3. "Other Ways to Get Involved"

See final page for intro narrative text to be added to each section

SFPB web edits summary (and content changes):

1. Add link to SFPB home page (below) to top of Boards and Commissions web page (<http://www.austintexas.gov/sfpb>)
2. Update SFPB home page (<http://www.austintexas.gov/sustainability/food>)
 - add hyperlink to “Get Involved” page to left navigation
 - move “Board Goals” section from working group page to SFPB home page
 - update “Get Involved” section with the following text:

There are several ways you can get involved with the Sustainable Food Policy Board. Check out this page to see how you can stay informed and participate.

3. Update “Working Groups” page (<http://austintexas.gov/department/sustainable-food-policy-board-working-groups>)
 - change title of page to "Sustainable Food Policy Board - Get Involved"
 - add 3 new subheadings/sections & text
 - Come to a Meeting

Join us the fourth Monday of each month (except in May and December) from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall. Simply come and listen to the current issues, or if you'd like to participate, sign up with the City of Austin staff liaison for “Citizen Communications.” You'll have 3 minutes to talk about an issue you think might be of interest to citizens and relevant to SFPB activities.

- “Join a Working Group”

Do you have specific experience you'd like to share or want to represent your community to the SFPB in a more engaged way? The SFPB Working Groups need your input to recommend policies that facilitate equitable access to healthy food, consumption of local, fresh, and quality sustainably-produced food, the culture of good food as a right, and a robust and just local food system. If you are interested in participating in an SFPB working group please contact the board liaison to find out about meeting dates, times and locations

- “Other Ways to Get Involved”

Can't make it to the board meetings or working groups? We understand. There are a number of other ways you can participate or weigh in on SFPB topics that interest you:

- Join the SFPB email list ([hyperlink](#))
- Connect with our City and County partners
 - Sustainability Office
 - Austin Grows
- Contact a Board Member ([hyperlink to member list](#))
- **Follow us on social media ([link to Sustainability Office accounts](#) - pending)**

- Correct Working Group titles and contacts (forthcoming)