

CITY OF AUSTIN

SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICY BOARD

WORKING GROUPS UPDATE REPORT

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SFPB Meeting Date: September 16, 2013

1. **Food Security** (including Central Texas Food Assistance Programs) **KATHY GREEN, Chair**

No meeting held, nothing to report. Meeting scheduled for 8/27/13.

2. **Healthy, Local, Sustainable Food in City/County Venues** **RONDA RUTLEDGE, Chair**

No action that I'm aware of, but Joy is out of town and I'm unclear about what, if anything, went before city council regarding our last recommendations from this working group.

Ronda

3. **Code Coordination & Metrics** **KATHERINE NICELY, Chair**

We have continued to meet every Tuesday at City Hall to move forward on items that were pending. We have received Staff Review and have been able to meet with the Sustainability office for additional clarifications on their concerns. We will move forward with code related recommendations on August 26th. We will present some updates based on feedback from staff and last months SFPB meeting. We will talk about the tentative timeline we will be in.

4. **Retail Capacity Building** **ROB BOROWSKI, Chair**

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5. Increasing Distribution/Processing of Local Meats ERIN FLYNN, Chair

6. Affordable Water for Sustainable Farms ERIN FLYNN, Chair

7. Data Tracking & Collating VACANT, Chair

8. Buy Local Food RONDA RUTLEDGE, Chair

**(9) Community Outreach and Engagement,
MICHELE MURPHY-SMITH and HILDRETH ENGLAND, Co-Chairs**

Meeting 08132013 via conf call 1200-1330

Discussed Food Day 2013 format, logistics, date, and potential partners. **Minutes are here.**

Requested Executive Committee Consideration:

1. Approve opt-in invite language for email; Discuss/Approve format for SFPB Food Day Community Event (see meeting minutes)

Requested Board action:

1. **Request that Board Members add network partners/contacts to email distr. list** in order for working groups to engage with community partners

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2. Discuss/Approve format for 2-3 future Community Meetings (including Food Day 2013)

- Community Meetings will be “expanded” CEOR Workgroup meetings (not full Board Meetings)
- Includes small, focused citizen feedback sessions and/or presentations on sustainable food policy topics of community’s choice, workgroups’ choice (preferably submitted in advance); and Food Day event to focus on (fun) intro to food policy/SFPB.