



Austin Travis County Food Policy Board



MEETING MINUTES Monday, November 14, 2016

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, November 14, 2016 at the Street Jones Building, 1000 East 11th St., 4th Floor, Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kathy Green called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Felipe Camacho, Alexandra Evans (Vice Chair), Dustin Fedako, Jessica Gaffney, Kathy Green (Chair), Michael Hanan, Adrienne Haschke, Erin Lentz, Karen Magid, Sharon Mays

Absent Board Members:

Jake Carter, Errol Schweizer

Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich, Sarah Stein-Lobovits

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. - None

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a) City of Austin, Health and Human Services Department, Robert Kingham, Community Based Resources Unit, Review Existing SNAP Application Assistance Contracts Provided briefing on funding from FY16. Using the information from SNAP research to inform current and future efforts. To go in front of Council Dec. 1
- b) COA Office of Sustainability, Zach Baumer, Review Community Climate Plan (see presentation in back-up material)
Staff Liaison to Joint Sustainability Committee. Food not explicitly mentioned in the Austin Community Climate Plan. Presentation gave overview of climate change and its impact. Discussed the distinction between mitigation and resilience. Each working group can consider priorities through a climate change lens. Start a new working group to create an addendum to the ACCP.
 - 1) Michael Hanan-- expressed interest in having agriculture and land use added to the ACCP.
 - 2) Kathy Green – question of integration of ACCP into the planning for the mobility bond and school district.
 - 3) Karen Magid – environmental justice lens; those who are most vulnerable will be most impacted by climate change
 - 4) Adrienne Haschke—white paper
 - 5) Jess Gaffney – question about addendum and if any other groups have done this and to what effect it had impact on policy changes
 - 6) Michael Hanan – suggestion to use CAPCOG maps from tree cover as boundaries

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER MEETING

Board member Adrienne Haschke motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 10, 2016 with Board Member Jessica Gaffney seconding the motion to approve pending minor edits. All are in favor of approving with none opposing.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol
 - 1) Review Board Members' meetings with City and County Officials – none
 - 2) Commissioner Jeff Travillion to appoint vacant board position
- b) Board Recommendations Follow-up
 - 1) Local and Healthy Food Procurement – AISD and UT working with manufacturers and distributors to get information on whole food purchases to inform baseline score under the Good Food Purchasing Program. Creating supply where there is unmet demand so farmers are comfortable in investing in land, labor. Pilot scores should be awarded by end of year. <http://goodfoodcities.org/portfolio/austin/>
 - 2) Healthy Food Access funding – see below

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Committee (JSC) meeting – no update
- b) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - 1) Budget and Policy – Updates from Kathy Green; meeting will be planned for January. Created master advocacy plan.
 - 2) Codes and Ordinances – No working group meeting last month. Edwin Marty gave update to the CodeNEXT Advisory Group meeting on Nov 7th. Next step is to create specific example of how a neighborhood could look with specified land development uses. Michael Hanan expressed interest in joining
 - 3) Farmland Preservation and Access –. Adrienne Haschke gave updates. Met to discuss strategy on how to move forward. Judith McGreary gave update on upcoming legislation session. Get City to have lobbyists advocate on behalf of farmland preservation. Provide a template to share with other food policy boards across Texas. Texas Ag Land Trust to talk about the differences between land trusts and conservancies. Jake Carter is stepping up as new chair. Michael Hanan stepping in to provide leadership as well.
 - 4) Food Safety and Innovation – Group has not formerly met in a while. Transitioning this group to food recovery with Dustin Fedako expressing interest in serving as Chair. Meeting scheduled for November 17th.
 - 5) Healthy Food Security and Access –
 - a. SNAP Coordinated Messaging Campaign—research, campaign development and dissemination of messaging
 - b. \$400,000 for Healthy Food Access Initiatives –still determining exact numbers for each part of the initiative
 - i. Large portion of funding will go to support existing initiatives
 - 1. Healthy Corner Store – will stay in 44 and 45. New contract will boost to 10 stores.
 - 2. Farm stands
 - 3. Mobile Market
 - ii. Expanding budget for evaluation – to be conducted for all three initiatives. Adding cost analysis to determine what is required to increase by a half serving of fruit and vegetables per customer.
 - iii. Nutritious Food Incentive Program –exploring how to bring double dollar program in to brick and mortar

- iv. Healthy Food Retail Incubator Fund – People Fund has agreed to leverage these funds 10:1 with support for low-interest loans. Still determining how to develop this fund. Also exploring the development of a grocery store in the Eastern Crescent in an existing food desert.
 - c. Food Environment Analysis – partnering with UT School of Public Health and Johns Hopkins University to survey and map our existing food retail environment. This analysis and mapping will provide us better information to drive future investments.
 - d. Safe Routes to Markets to inform prioritization of Transportation Bond funding.
- c) Review of Board Member Assignments
 - 1) Standing item—all board members to update Council and Commissioner profiles and meeting information after meetings or send updates to Jessica Gaffney and she will make updates.
 - 2) Amanda Rohlich to send meeting for food recovery working group on Thursday, November 17th
 - 3) Invite Food Policy Board Members to December 14th FEA Stakeholder Advisory Meeting and visit with Johns Hopkins University and Baltimore Food Policy staff.
 - 4) OOS to look into where ATCFPB members can get involved in the planning of the Transportation Bond funding. Suggestion to include bike, bus, safe route to market – Edwin to
 - 5) Jessica Gaffney to create Flannigan profile and work on Commissioner Profiles.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) December 12: Strategic Planning and Advocacy Training start at 5-8 pm bring food to share.
- 2) Future: Green Gate roll out of new site development
- 3) Who is the County and City funding? Give updates on how they are spending money around food access, food recovery. Start in 2017 with short updates.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kathy Green adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m. without objection.