



Austin Travis County Food Policy Board



MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 10, 2017

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, April 10, 2017 at the Street Jones Building, 1000 East 11th St., 4th Floor, Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702 at 6 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-Chair, Alexandra Evans, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Alexandra Evans (Vice Chair), Felipe Camacho, Michael Hanan, Jessica Gaffney, Jake Carter, Dustin Fedako, Karen Magid

Kathy Green (Chair) approached dais at 6:49 pm

Alexandra Evans left dais at 6:55 pm

Absent Board Members:

Adrienne Haschke, Sharon Mays, Errol Schweizer,

Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich, Meredith Gauthier

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) Meredith Gauthier, Parks and Recreation Department, update on Onion Creek Buy-out property and urban agriculture (see back-up materials for presentation)
- b) Kathy Green, Central Texas Food Bank, 85th Texas Legislative Update

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING

Board Member Jake Carter motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 13, 2017 with Board Member Michael Hanan seconding the motion to approve. All are in favor of approving with none opposing. Karen Magid abstained.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol
 - 1) Review Board Members' meetings with City and Council Officials -- none
- b) Board Recommendations Follow-up
 - 1) Local and Healthy Food Procurement – Edwin Marty provided updates on the Good Food Purchasing Program. Meeting scheduled with Austin Convention Center to discuss next steps including conducting the baseline measurement. Conversation about how to incorporate into policy.
 - 2) Healthy Food Access funding – Edwin Marty provided updates (see back-up materials for presentation). There is a plan to reporting back to council in form of Memo in May.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Board meeting – Adrienne Haschke was not in attendance to give updates
- b) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - 1) Budget and Policy – Kathy Green gave updates. Working Group has not met but will be scheduling meeting to discuss recommendations
 - 2) Codes and Ordinances – Sharon Mays absent. Edwin Marty gave updates. Looked at CodeNEXT draft, searched document for key words to identify parts of the code that are relevant to food. Compare mentions from CodeNEXT to Imagine Austin to discuss conflicts and potential revisions.
 - 3) Farmland Preservation and Access – Jake Carter provided updates. Discussed local farm that is going under due to imminent domain. Group has decided to meet more regularly—every Tuesday.
 - 1) Discuss recommendation to support HB 231.
 - 2) Board member Dustin Fedako motioned to advance resolution. Jake Carter seconded. All were in favor of advancing with none opposing.
 - 4) Food and Climate—Karen Magid. WG met March 24th with staff presentation by Cavan Merski of Office of Sustainability to discuss Austin’s greenhouse gas inventory. Work group is presenting white paper to Joint Sustainability Committee on May 24th.
 - 5) Healthy Food Security and Access – Kathy Green provided update. Group met 4/10/17. Recommendations to consider:
 - 1) Create a school food access incentive fund for school districts in the City of Austin to provide innovate delivery models or programs to address food security among school-aged children. Estimated cost: \$50k
 - 2) Study and make recommendation on access to healthy foods within the City of Austin, including how to improve access while preserving the character and affordability of neighborhoods. Examine the feasibility of various funding mechanisms to improve healthy food access. Estimated cost: \$20k
 - a. How is this study different than the Food Environment Analysis? Edwin Marty explained that this study would be advancing the information gathering from FEA to determine next steps and road map for moving forward.
 - 3) Sandra Evans brought forth letter addressed to National Institute of Health to request the Board’s support for grant funding to conduct a longitudinal study researching the impact of the healthy food access initiatives on the consumption of fruits and vegetables.
 - 6) Food Recovery – Dustin Fedako provided update. Met 3/23/2017. Many potential asks are aligned with Austin Resource Recovery budget requests
 - 1) Tier 2 rebates of up to \$10k
 - 2) Food Recovery Resource –creating profiles of food permitted businesses and understanding their organic waste and recommending specific strategies by profile type
 - 3) Food Recovery Pitch competition; ARR has offered a contribution of \$10k. Talking to other departments and groups

- 4) Fund for non-profit intermediaries for logistics/technology licensing of food rescue software
- 5) Develop train the trainer model
- 7) Institutional Food Purchasing – Jake Carter clarified that they are meeting alongside Food and Climate working group. How does GFPP apply to Central Health Equity Policy Council?

6. REVIEW OF BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

- a) Amanda Rohlich to send out GFPP one pager and AISD's one pager on GFPP
- b) Create Recommendation Number for Farmland Preservation and Access
- c) Edwin Marty State Leg Ag Committee send to committee clerk
- d) Kathy Green to drop recommendation language from Healthy Food Access Working Group into Resolution format to bring to board's next meeting
- e) Edwin Marty to circulate final letter of support to NIH for Sandra Evans grant proposal for each individual member to sign
- f) Sherri Fleming to send Kathy Green a contact at the Bond Advisory Committee who can share information about their meeting schedule

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) May – Evaluation update from Dr. Evans
- b) May – 2016 Mobility Bond update

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kathy Green adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. without objection.