



## Austin Travis County Food Policy Board



## MEETING MINUTES Monday, June 12, 2017

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the Street Jones Building, 1000 East 11<sup>th</sup> St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702 at 6 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### Board Members in Attendance:

Andrea Abel, Alexandra Evans (Vice Chair), Jessica Gaffney, Kathy Green (Chair), Michael Hanan, Adrienne Haschke, Dustin Fedako, Karen Magid, Felipe Camacho

### Absent Board Members:

Jake Carter, Sharon Mays

### Staff in Attendance:

Amanda Rohlich (Office of Sustainability), Sarah Axe (Austin Public Health), Meredith Gauthier (Parks and Recreation Department)

## 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.

Chantel Valentin from Families with Voices, sharing information about the open RFP for wrap around services to children and families in the Manor, Texas area.

## 2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a) Cassie DeLeon, Planning and Evaluation Unit Manager, Austin Public Health, Presented an overview of CHA/CHIP, CHA CASPER, and City of Austin Strategic Planning efforts (see back-up materials for presentation)
- b) Patricia Moncure, Food Environment Analyst, Office of Sustainability, Presented updates from the Food Environment Analysis (see back-up materials for presentation)

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING

Board Member Dustin Fedako motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 8, 2017 with Board Member Adrienne Haschke seconding the motion to approve. All are in favor of approving with none opposing.

Board Member Jessica Gaffney motioned to approve the special called meeting minutes from May 22, 2017 with Board Member Sandra Evans seconding the motion to approve. All are in favor of approving, pending slight edits, with none opposing.

## 4. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol
  - 1) Introduction of new Board Member, Andrea Abel
  - 2) Review Board Members' meetings with City and Council Officials - none

**b) Board Recommendations Follow-up**

- 1) Local and Healthy Food Procurement – Amanda Rohlich provided updates on the Good Food Purchasing Program. Austin Convention Center is officially piloting the program and is in the process of data collection. Local Coalition is planning for Food Day in October and beginning to explore policy adoption for UT, AISD, and COA. The coalition is also engaging in conversations with other potential partners including Austin Community College, Apple, Travis County Correctional Complex and looking for partners at Seton and St. David’s.
- 2) Healthy Food Access funding – Sarah (Stein-Lobovits) Axe provided updates on funding and open solicitations for the Business Consultant, Marketing Consultant, and Nutritious Food Incentive Pilot. There was some discussion around process for awarding the \$30,000 to Farmshare for the “Food Hub”; which is an aggregation and distribution process for supplying product to the Mobile Markets.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Committee (JSC) meeting – Adrienne Haschke provided updates. Food and Climate team presented preliminary report to JSC. The City presented on life cycle assessment of the food system. The Food and Climate WG are proposing strategies from other peer cities’ climate plans that impact, or are impacted by, the food system. The JSC will then review the report which will inform what they add to the Austin Community Climate Plan as an approved amendment. Amendments will likely be added in Fall 2017.
- b) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
  - 1) Food and Climate— see JSC updates
  - 2) Budget and Policy – Kathy Green provided update. Met 6/12 to discuss the process for advocacy of the recommendations. Gathering alignment and support from other Boards and Commissions. Goal is to have meetings with Council completed by end of August.
  - 3) Codes and Ordinances – City staffer Meredith Gauthier provided update in Sharon Mays’ absence. The working group is reviewing all mentions of agriculture in CodeNEXT Draft language.
  - 4) Farmland Preservation and Access – Group is in conversation with American Farm Land Trust who is interested in getting involved in Central Texas. New president coming to Austin in early 2018 to catalyze conversations around farmland preservation. Farming on the Edge Report –food production has to increase to 75% by 2050.
  - 5) Healthy Food Security and Access – Kathy Green provided update. In last meeting the group reviewed the Healthy Food Access Initiative and overview of CHA/CHIP process. Currently they are monitoring all HFA initiatives. Discussion of how immigration issues is impacting access of basic needs.
  - 6) Food Recovery – no updates
  - 7) Institutional Food Purchasing – no updates
- c) Discuss process to complete Annual Review – each working group chair should submit a summary of their activities from 7/1/16 through 6/30/17 to Kathy Green by 6/23.

**6. REVIEW OF BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS**

- a) Adrienne Haschke to share letter of support from JSC meetings with Jessica Gaffney to serve as template for aligning with other Boards and Commissions
- b) Kathy Green to post the schedule of City Council Meetings on to the Google Drive
- c) All Working Group Chairs should submit a summary of their group's activities from the past year (7/1/16 through 6/30/17) to Kathy Green by June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) July – Board will NOT meet in July
- b) August – Kathy Green to provide legislative update

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kathy Green adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. without objection.