



Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board



MEETING MINUTES Monday, August 14, 2017

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, August 14, 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 Chair Kathy Green called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kathy Green (Chair), Andrea Abel, Jake Carter, Jessica Gaffney, Karen Magid, Felipe Camacho, Alexandra Evans (Vice Chair), Sharon Mays

Absent Board Members:

Michael Hanan, Adrienne Haschke, Dustin Fedako

Staff in Attendance:

Amanda Rohlich, Sarah Axe, Edwin Marty

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) Edwin Marty, Office of Sustainability, review of the Lancet Commission on Food, Planet and Health
- b) Kathy Green, Central Texas Food Bank, update on the Farm Bill Listening Sessions
- c) Amanda Rohlich, Office of Sustainability, Review of the Texas Cities Summit

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING

Board Member Andrea Abel motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 12, 2017 with Board Member Alexandra Evans seconding the motion to approve. All are in favor of approving with none opposing.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol

- 1) Review Board Members' meetings with City and Council Officials
 - 1) Jake Carter and Michael met with Brigid Shea to discuss farmland preservation.
 - 2) Kathy Green and Edwin Marty met with CM Delia Garza's office and Allison Alter's office to discuss Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board recommendations. Supportive of work but cautioned of tight budget this year.
- 2) Discuss Annual Internal Review – new timeline and name, formerly known as the Annual Report.

b) Board Recommendations Follow-up

- 1) Local and Healthy Food Procurement – Amanda Rohlich provided updates. Implementing partners, UT and AISD, moving into year two data collection. Austin Convention Center working towards collecting baseline. AISD is pursuing formal policy adoption of GFPP.

- 2) Healthy Food Access funding – Sarah Axe provided updates.
 - 1) Healthy Corner Store Initiative: Business Consultant on board to help business owners implement Healthy Corner Store program. GAVA focusing on strengthening existing eight stores and still working towards expansion. Couponing program launched in two of the Healthy Corner Stores to incentivize purchase of produce.
 - 2) Marketing Consultant on-board to help promote Corner Stores, Mobile Markets and School and Community Farm Stands.
 - 3) Nutritious Food Incentive Program – Central Texas Food Bank on board to administer program. Two retailers on board by October with hopes to apply for FINI grant in December for expansion funding.
 - 4) SNAP one time funds; Dr. Evans research to be complete by September with Food Bank to expand enrollment assistance; marketing RFP closes soon
 - 5) Food Environment Analysis – Edwin provided update. Next stakeholder meeting October 11, 2017.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Board meeting – meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum
- b) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - 1) Food and Climate— Karen Magid provided update. Finalizing the initial draft of Food and Climate White Paper to present to Joint Sustainability Committee.
 - 2) WG is working on layout of white paper—find linkages that are already laid out in Austin Community Climate Plan. Finalize edits and approve in next board meeting. Will bring all amendments in August. Consumption based calculation. Food estimates based on life cycle analysis factors.
 - 3) Budget and Policy – Jessica Gaffney reached out to all Quality of Life Chairs and Vice-Chairs and only heard back from Asian American Quality of Life Chair.
 - 4) Codes and Ordinances – Sharon Mays; looking at code and identifying gaps. Providing recommendation that correct situation or lay foundation for more functional food systems. Reaching out to food industry players to see what challenges they are faced with. Bullet points of specific things they would like to see go into the code rewrite.
 - 5) Farmland Preservation and Access – Jake Carter provided update. Met with Commissioner Brigid Shea excited to pursue the idea of using county lands for agriculture.
 - 6) Healthy Food Security and Access – Kathy Green provided update. Continued conversation on the effects of SB 4 on food access services. Reviewing what will happen with the \$400k in the upcoming fiscal year and how the Food Environment Analysis will be used.
 - 7) Food Recovery – Dustin Fedako was not in attendance to provide update. Next working group meeting is Thursday, August 17, 2017.
 - 8) Institutional Food Purchasing – no updates

6. REVIEW OF BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

- a) Edwin Marty to research letters of support / platforms of the Farm Bill. Send out webinar of Farm Bill 101
- b) Amanda Rohlich to share Healthy Food Access Funding memos and newsletter
- c) Edwin Marty to work on getting board seat vacancy filled
- d) Amanda Rohlich to post new recommendation to Office of Sustainability webpage
- e) Need to post Annual Internal Review to BC webpage
- f) Amanda Rohlich to send timeline

- g) Edwin Marty to send out meeting invite for FEA stakeholder meeting.
- h) Look into staff liaisons for QOL Boards and Commissions to send to Jess
- i) Karen Magid to send contacts from African American Quality of Life Initiative

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) September - Economic Development to do presentation on developing retail capacity
- b) Equity Office
- c) Common Threads

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kathy Green adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. without objection.