



Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board



MEETING MINUTES Monday, March 12, 2018

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, March 12, 2018 at Street Jones, 1000 E. 11th Street, 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:

Andrea Abel, Felipe Camacho, Jake Carter, Dustin Fedako, Kathy Green (Chair), Jessica Gaffney, Michael Hanan, Karen Magid, Sharon Mays, Alexandra Van Den Berg (Vice Chair)

Absent Board Members:

Adrienne Haschke

Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich, Elliot Smith (Travis County)

1) CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a) 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.
Tessa Comstock introduced herself to the board.

2) STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a) Brion Oaks, Chief Equity Officer, City of Austin. Introduction to the City of Austin Equity Office. (see back-up materials for presentation)

Michael Hanan approached dais at 6:16 pm.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING

Board Member Andrea Abel motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 12, 2018 with Board Member Sandra van den Berg seconding the motion to approve. All are in favor of approving with none opposing.

4) OLD BUSINESS

- i) Board Infrastructure & Protocol
 - (1) Review Board Members' meetings with City and County Officials - none
- ii) Board Recommendations Follow-up
 - (1) Paid Sick Leave Policy – City Council passed ordinance with amendments, which will begin to roll out in October 2018. City Council also voted to extend sick leave to all employees.
 - (2) Use of City-owned Land for Urban Agriculture – Use of Winnebago tract was referenced in a City Council Work Session with Office of Real Estate Services. Winnebago identified as high priority site. Real Estate Services is going to develop a strategic plan for each site with community input and will report back to City Council in June.
 - (3) Food and Climate Report – Adrienne Haschke presented Food and Climate report to Joint Sustainability Committee which voted to pass it to City Council to be assigned a Council Committee for review.

5) NEW BUSINESS

- i) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Board meeting
- ii) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - (1) *Codes and Ordinances* –
 - (a) Discuss and take possible action on Recommendation to Update of City Code Language Regulating Beekeeping.
 - (b) Board Member Andrea Abel motioned to approve the recommendation moving forward with Board Member Jake Carter seconding the motion to approve. All are in favor of approving with none opposing. Recommendation passes unanimously.
 - (c) Working group is looking at opportunities to comment to CodeNEXT individually
 - (d) Opportunity to engage with CodeNEXT process at Earth Day Austin event at Huston-Tillotson.
 - (2) *Farmland Preservation and Access*
 - (a) Michael Hanan working on Springdale draft recommendation
 - (3) *Food and Climate*
 - (a) Abstract was submitted to APH
 - (4) *Healthy Food Security and Access*
 - (a) Discuss and take possible action on Farm Bill Recommendation in form of a Letter of Support from US Conference of Mayors. Ask Mayor Adler to sign on to support legislation that will promote sustainable food systems.
 - (b) Draft Farm Bill may be released next week
 - (c) Board Member Sharon Mays motioned to approve the recommendation moving forward with Board Member Sandra van den Berg seconding the motion to approve, pending minor edits. All are in favor of approving with none opposing. Recommendation passes unanimously.
 - (5) *Food Recovery*
 - (a) Food Pantry Permitting – working group doing some additional research on context and impact. Gathering input from Austin Public Health, food pantries, look to other practices in peer cities.
 - (b) Considering a recommendation to promote food recovery at City-owned facilities, starting with Austin Convention Center.
 - (c) Supporting a food recovery study led by Austin Resource Recovery
- iii) Review of Board Member Assignments
 - (1) Edwin to follow-up with Board members on who needs to be reappointed
 - (2) Kathy invite pantry coordinators to come to food recovery working group meeting
 - (3) Edwin to draft memo for Farm Bill Recommendation
 - (4) Michael Hanan Springdale
 - (5) Andrea Abel for Marla Camp recommendation

6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Resolution honoring Springdale Farm

7) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kathy Green adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. without objection.