



Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board



MEETING MINUTES Monday, May 14, 2018

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, May 14, 2018 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:

Andrea Abel, Jake Carter, Jessica Gaffney, Kathy Green (Chair), Alexandra Evans (Vice Chair), Michael Hanan, Adrienne Haschke, Karen Magid, Sharon Mays

Absent Board Members:

Felipe Camacho, Dustin Fedako, Margaret Kao

Staff in Attendance:

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

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) Curt Nelson, Austin Foodshed Investors, Foodshed Ecosystem Framework
Preview of website: <https://austin.foodecosystem.org/>, pw:1111
- b) Cassie Davis, UT School of Public Health, food pantry research (see back-up materials for presentation and one-pager)

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING

The minutes for the regular meeting of 4/9/2018 were approved with the following amendments on Board Member Adrienne Haschke motion, Board Member Karen Magid second on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Felipe Camacho, Dustin Fedako, and Margaret Kao absent. The amendments were adding language to describe the motion on item 5) ii) and removing an extra bullet from item 5) iii) (5) under Food Recovery

4) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol
 - (1) Review Board Members' meetings with City and Council Officials -- none
 - (2) Elect new Board Officers
 - (a) Board Member Karen Magid nominated and voted on to serve as Vice-Chair on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Felipe Camacho, Dustin Fedako, and Margaret Kao absent.
 - (b) Board Member Adrienne Haschke nominated and voted on to serve as Chair on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Felipe Camacho, Dustin Fedako, and Margaret Kao absent.
- b) Board Recommendations Follow-up
 - (1) Paid Sick Leave Policy

SFC holding Food Justice Encuentro with Gregario Casar to discuss issue, Friday, June 8th from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at 2921 E 17th St

- (2) Use of City-owned land for Urban Agriculture
 - (a) Onion Creek Floodplain Buyout. All 150 properties have been soil tested as part of Soil Kitchen event. No known contaminants. Next step is a tree assessment to review which trees could be removed and a utility assessment. Release RFP in fall for four acres out of the 100 acre land.
 - (b) County owned land – Releasing RFI for 67 acres of county owned land.
 - (c) Food and Climate Report -- The Health and Human Services Council Committee has removed this item from the May 16th agenda. The next opportunity to present will either be in July or August.

5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Board meeting – Adrienne Haschke provided updates.
 - (1) Water Forward Plan was presented at last meeting, to share a plan for water resources for the next 100 years. Projected twelve significant droughts in the next 100 years.
 - (2) Bond Election Advisory Taskforce presented on General Obligation Bond Package. Opportunity to provide recommendations on bond proposal package.
- b) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - (1) *Codes and Ordinances*
 - (a) Discuss and take possible action on Community Agriculture recommendations
 - (i) Update CodeNEXT Definition of Community Agriculture
 - (b) Board Member Sharon Mays moved to vote on the recommendation to update CodeNEXT Definition of Community Agriculture; Board Member Michael Hanan seconded. Michael Hanan asked question for clarification between community agriculture and community gardens. Adrienne Haschke asked for clarification as to whether community agriculture would include urban agriculture. Recommendation to Update CodeNEXT Definition of Community Agriculture with adopted on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Felipe Camacho, Dustin Fedako, and Margaret Kao absent.
 - (c) Carry out a 5-Year Review of Urban Food Ordinance
Board Member Andrea Abel moved to vote on the recommendation to Carry out a 5-Year Review of the Urban Farm Ordinance; Board Member Alexandra van den Berg seconded. Michael Hanan shared concerns about time commitment of the process and requested clarification on what is trying to be accomplished with reassessing this ordinance. The item was withdrawn on Andrea Abel motion with the suggestion that the issued be reviewed at next Codes and Ordinances working group meeting.

Sharon Mays stepped away from the dais at 7:42 pm

Adrienne Haschke stepped away from the dais at 7:48 pm

Adrienne Haschke approached the dais at 7:50 pm

- (2) *Farmland Preservation and Access*
 - (a) Discuss and take possible action on Resolution honoring Springdale Farm – to be reviewed at next meeting
- (3) *Food and Climate*
- (4) *Healthy Food Security and Access*
 - (a) USDA Farm Bill updates provided by Kathy Green

(5) *Food Recovery*

(a) Jessica Gaffney provided updates. Meeting on Thursday May 17th to discuss food recovery at Austin Convention Center and continuation of pantry permit discussion

c) Review of Board Member Assignments

- 1) All Board Members to add any new initiatives to [Foodshed Ecosystem Framework](#) website (pw: 1111)
- 2) Edwin Marty to send Parliamentary Procedures Powerpoint to board members
- 3) Elliott Smith to share the Request for Interest (RFI) for agriculture on County-owned land with Board Members and Board Members to share information about the RFI with their contacts.
- 4) Board Members to meet with council member offices to show support for Food and Climate report
- 5) Adrienne Haschke to share Water Forward report and Bond Proposal Package presentation with board members
- 6) Edwin Marty to share letter signed by Mayor on Farm Bill

6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Codes and Ordinances Resolution
- b) Quarterly work plan of Office of Sustainability initiatives to board
- c) Springdale Farm Resolution

7) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kathy Green adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. without objection.