



Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board



MEETING MINUTES Monday, August 13th 2018

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, August 13th, 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 Adrienne Haschke called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Andrea Abel, Alexandra van den Berg, Felipe Camacho, Adrienne Haschke (Chair), Margaret Kao, Karen Magid (Vice Chair), Sharon Mays

Absent Board Members:

Dustin Fedako, Jessica Gaffney, Kathy Green, Michael Hanan

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) Chris Riley, Austin Public Health, Budget Briefing (see back-up materials for presentation)
- b) Annelies Lottmann, Texas Rural Cooperative Center, Cooperative overview (see back-up materials for presentation)

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING

Board Member Karen Magid motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 11, 2018 with Board Member Andrea Abel seconding the motion to approve pending minor edits. Passed on a 7-0 vote. Board Members Dustin Fedako, Jessica Gaffney, Kathy Green, and Michael Hanan absent.

4) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol
 - (1) Review Board Members' meetings with City and Council Officials –
 - (a) Adrienne Haschke and Kathy Green meet with Ora Houston's office and Delia Garza's office
 - ii) Annual Internal Review submitted
 - iii) Discussion of board members who needs to be reappointed (Felipe Camacho and Michael Hanan)
- b) Board Recommendations Follow-up
 - (1) Paid Sick Leave Policy – Patrick Bixler at University of Texas is inserting question into the Austin Area Indicator Project to get basic input from residents on awareness and attitudes around the Sick Leave Policy prior to implementation
 - (2) Use of publicly owned land for Urban Agriculture –
 - (a) Onion Creek Floodplain Buyout. Completed assessment of tree removal on property. Release RFP in August for four acres out of the 100 acre land.

- (b) County owned land. Travis County requested \$100,000 in budget process for necessary improvements to make land usable for agricultural purpose. Final budget mark-up happens on August 29th so there is a small window for showing support on this issue.
- (3) Food and Climate Report – Adrienne Haschke presented to the Health and Human Services Council Committee on August 8, 2018. The Committee Members did not feel comfortable adopting report to be taken to the full council due to a lack of greater community engagement and support. Food and Climate team to meet and regroup to see how addendum can be refined and shared more widely with the community.

5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss membership of the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity (NANA). Action postponed for September meeting.
- b) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Board meeting – Discussed Water Forward Plan. Update on Community Climate Plan. Council voted to remove at-large positions on the JSC.
- c) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - (1) *Codes and Ordinances*
 - (a) Working on update to the Food Establishment permits. Developing a survey to get input from other cities, both within and outside of Texas, to get idea of best practices.
 - (b) Met with stakeholders who were involved in the establishment of the farmers' markets permits.
 - (2) *Farmland Preservation and Access*
 - (a) Discussion and action on Resolution honoring Springdale Farm postponed until September meeting
 - (3) *Food and Climate*
 - (a) See updates under JSC
 - (4) *Healthy Food Security and Access*
 - (a) USDA Farm Bill updates. Senate proposal to aggregate USDA programs into one single program called LAMP.
 - (5) *Food Recovery*
- d) Review of Board Member Assignments
 - 1) Elliott Smith to follow-up with County Commissioner on Felipe Camacho's reappointment and board vacancies.
 - 2) Amanda Rohlich to send board members information about NANA. Add possible action to September meeting.
 - 3) Karen Magid to send information to the board about Water Forward meeting
 - 4) Edwin Marty to send updates on Farm Bill to Board Member email

6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Presentation from Austin Resource Recovery on Organics Diversion requirements of the Universal Recycling Ordinance
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding NANA membership.
- c) Discussion and possible action regarding Springdale Farm Resolution

7) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-chair Karen Magid adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m. without objection.