



## Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board



## MEETING MINUTES Monday, September 7th 2018

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, September 7th, 2018 at City Hall, Staff Bullpen, 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Austin, TX 78701 at 6 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Adrienne Haschke called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

### Board Members in Attendance:

Andrea Abel, Felipe Camacho, Jessica Gaffney, Adrienne Haschke (Chair), Margaret Kao, Karen Magid (Vice Chair), Sharon Mays

### Absent Board Members:

Alexandra van den Berg, Dustin Fedako, Kathy Green, Michael Hanan

### Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich, Elliott Smith (Travis County), Emily Ackland (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) Jason McCombs, Austin Resource Recovery, Strategic Initiatives, Update on Organics Diversion Requirements and Enforcement (see back-up materials for presentation)

### 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST MEETING

Board Member Karen Magid motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 13, 2018 with Board Member Jessica Gaffney seconding the motion to approve pending minor edits. Passed on a 7-0 vote.

Board Members Alexandra van den Berg, Dustin Fedako, Kathy Green, and Michael Hanan absent.

### 4) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol
  - i) Review Board Members' meetings with City and Council Officials –
    - (1) Adrienne Haschke provided citizens communication on agriculture project on County owned land
  - ii) Annual Internal Review submitted
  - iii) Annual Strategic Planning discussion
    - (1) Adrienne Haschke suggested moving the strategic planning up to November to better align with the City and County budget cycle and the City's new Strategic Direction 2023.
    - (2) Annelies Lottman to facilitate
- b) Board Recommendations Follow-up
  - (1) Paid Sick Leave Policy – external outreach and implementation is on hold pending litigation. Internal policy will continue as planned.
  - (2) Use of publicly owned land for Urban Agriculture –

- (a) Onion Creek Floodplain Buyout. Completed assessment of tree removal on property. Watershed to approve community questionnaire by mail and Nextdoor to people who lived in or currently live in the area to gauge interest in agriculture as a suitable use of land.
  - (b) Winnebago. Drafting lease for Winnebago tract to be leased to Urban Roots. Expedited process because the recommendation came from City Council member.
  - (c) County owned land. Travis County requested \$125,000 in budget process for necessary improvements to make land usable for agricultural purpose. Final budget was approved August 29<sup>th</sup> in favor of this funding.
- (3) Food and Climate Report – Karen Magid provided updates. Working Group met to discuss next steps which include getting more input from community but unable to do a full community engagement process. The working group plans to present to larger community groups (such as Central Health, Austin Restaurant Association, Sierra Club, and some groups suggested from Ora Houston) for feedback. Also aligning or linking to City Strategic Priorities. Plan to take back to full Council in February with hopes of incorporating into next budget cycle.

## 5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Committee meeting – Adrienne Haschke did not attend. No updates. Opportunity to appoint an alternate to the JSC meetings. Karen Magid motioned to nominate herself to serve as alternate. Adrienne Haschke seconded this nomination. The board voted 7-0 to elect Karen Magid as alternate.
- b) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
  - (1) *Codes and Ordinances*
    - (a) Identifying highest priorities for working group
  - (2) *Farmland Preservation and Access*
    - (a) Discussion to adjust time of working group meeting to day
  - (3) *Food and Climate*
    - (a) See updates under JSC
  - (4) *Healthy Food Security and Access*
    - (a) Kathy Green was absent. Updates tabled.
    - (b) Mike Caudle from Austin Public Health provided update on CHA/CHIP process.
  - (5) *Food Recovery*
    - (a) Transition to networking group due to lack of actionable priorities
- c) Review of Board Member Assignments
  - i) Edwin Marty to follow-up with Board Member Andrea Abel about material flows that could create local market for Certified Organic compost
  - ii) Adrienne Haschke to send out questions to Board about strategic planning process
  - iii) Amanda Rohlich to send out Doodle poll to board members schedule for Strategic Planning meeting
  - iv) Amanda Rohlich to send Survey to board members for Strategic Planning
  - v) Amanda Rohlich to Send out Strategic Direction 2023,
  - vi) Amanda Rohlich to Send out by-laws that outline board's duties
  - vii) Amanda Rohlich to Trello board from last year
  - viii) Amanda Rohlich to send Annual Internal Review
  - ix) Adrienne Haschke to follow-up with Anneliese Lottman to request facilitation services for Strategic Planning

- x) Elliott Smith to share contact list of Farmland Preservation group for outreach to recruit and fill board vacancy
- xi) Amanda Rohlich to send out Austin Food Notes to postpone Farmland Preservation meeting
- xii) Amanda Rohlich to send out flyer on CHA/CHIP forum and link to CHIP
- xiii) Edwin Marty to send out link to template for letter of support to pursue GFPP

**6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Strategic Planning
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding NANA membership.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-chair Karen Magid adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. without objection.