



Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board



MEETING MINUTES Monday, December 10th 2018

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, December 10th, Street Jones Building, 1000 East 11th St, 400A, Austin, TX 78702 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, Alexandra van den Berg Jessica Gaffney, Kathy Green, Adrienne Haschke (Chair), Lorig Hawkins, Thomas Schroeder

Absent Board Members:

Margaret Kao, Karen Magid (Vice Chair), Sharon Mays

Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich

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 – none

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEETINGS

Board Member Adrienne Haschke motioned to approve the meeting minutes from September 7, 2018 with Board Member Jessica Gaffney seconding the motion to approve pending minor edits. Passed on a 7-0 vote.

Board Members Sharon Mays, Karen Magid and Margaret Kao absent.

Board Member Jess Gaffney motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 22, 2018 with Board Member Kathy Green seconding the motion to approve pending minor edits. Passed on a 7-0 vote.

Board Members Sharon Mays, Karen Magid and Margaret Kao absent.

4) OLD BUSINESS

a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol

i) Review Board Members' meetings with City and Council Officials –

- (1) Thomas Schroeder met with Commissioner Shea and discussed goals of the board with her. Shea is environmentally focused and interested to see how these efforts can intersect. She supports the idea agricultural production to help retail soil health and assist with flood protections.
- (2) Lorig Hawkins met with Commissioner Daugherty to review priorities and experience.

ii) Annual Strategic Planning meeting, continued

- (1) Advocacy strategy – put a task force together as needed. Look for shared priorities with other boards and commissions. Once a recommendation is passed, an advocacy team would be activated. All budget recommendations to come through board by February meeting and then get bundled together.
 - (a) Discussion of having strategic planning process earlier in August
- (2) Calendar of 2019
 - (a) Jan 14, Feb 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July – no meeting, August 12 – Strategic Planning, September 9, October- no meeting, November - no meeting, December 9
 - (b) Staff Presentations
 - (i) Board recommendation follow-up – quarterly beginning in February, May, August, November
 - (ii) Budget office updates from both City and County (January)
 - (iii) CHA/CHIP (January)
 - (iv) Austin Public Health and Travis County Health and Human Services (January / February / March)
 - (v) Review working group recs (March)
 - (vi) Economic Development Department
 - (vii) Parks and Recreation Department
 - (viii) Public Works – Neighborhood Partnering Program
 - (ix) Austin Resource Recovery
 - (x) Watershed Protection Department (Onion Creek RFP)
 - (xi) Austin ISD and other school districts
 - (xii) Key Boards and Commissions
- b) Board Recommendations Follow-up
 - (1) Use of publicly owned land for Urban Agriculture –
 - (a) Winnebago Tract in Southeast Austin – 9 acres. City Council voted to create a lease for Urban Roots to utilize land and create permanent facility on site. 15 year lease with 15 year extension at \$1,000 per month.
 - (b) Onion Creek Buyout. Community Outreach survey sent to area residents to get input. Confirmed support for urban agriculture on property. Recommendation for Watershed to present to Board.

5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Board Appointments
 - i) Review existing vacancies and skills matrix
 - (1) Mayor’s office (2 spots), Gomez’s office, Travillion’s office
 - (2) Skills needs: health professional, food recovery, food distribution, retail (grocers), policy, Meals on Wheels / AARP, public institution procurement, representative from the food bank or hunger community
 - (3) Karen Magid to coordinate interested candidates
- b) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Committee meeting
 - i) Joint Sustainability Committee appointments
 - (1) Adrienne Haschke nominated Karen Magid for lead, Kathy seconded, all voted in favor with none opposing.
 - (2) Lorig Hawkins nominated herself to serve as alternate, all voted in favor with none opposing.

- (3)
- c) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - (1) *Codes and Ordinances*
 - (a) Inform Economic Development position that focuses on food retail -- suggest roles and responsibilities for that position
 - (b) Permitting for food businesses and other food access points (improvements to Environmental Health protocol)
 - (c) December meeting cancelled
 - (2) *Support Farms and Farmers*
 - (a) Land access. Focus on supporting agriculture on public land. Identifying tracts.
 - (b) Move existing processes forward and remove barriers
 - (c) Look at surrounding community of existing projects for complimentary support and development
 - (d) Legislative agenda
 - (3) *Food and Climate*
 - (4) *Healthy Food Security and Access*
 - (a) Meeting Thursday, December 13, 2018
 - (b) Improve SNAP enrollment
 - (c) Expand produce distribution using existing hubs
 - (5) Farm Bill Update – actually language of bill expected this week. Cuts to SNAP not in bill.
- d) Review of Board Member Assignments
 - i) Edwin to share list of City departments that work on Food System issues
 - ii) Andrea Abel to put together list of Boards and Commissions to request presentations
 - iii) Lorig Invite Leah Gibson to next working group meeting for Support Farms and Farmers
 - iv) Edwin / Amanda to reach out regarding term renewals
 - v) Edwin to share Farm Bill Updates

6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) January -- Budget office (City and County) to provide presentation or provide summary of presentation, CHA/CHIP (January), Austin Public Health and Travis County Health and Human Services (January / February / March)
- b) February -- Quarterly staff updates on board recommendations
- c) March -- Review working group recs
- d) April -- Economic Development Department
- e) May -- Parks and Recreation Department
- f) June -- Public Works – Neighborhood Partnering Program
- g) July -- Austin Resource Recovery
- h) August – Strategic Planning
- i) September -- Watershed Protection Department (Onion Creek RFP)
- j) December -- Austin ISD and other school districts
- k) Key Boards and Commissions

7) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Adrienne Haschke adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m. without objection.