



Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board

MEETING MINUTES Monday, February 11, 2019

The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, February 11th, Street Jones Building, 1000 East 11th St, 400A, Austin, TX

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Adrienne Haschke called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Lorig Hawkins, Karen Magid, Adrienne Haschke, Andrea Abel, Sharon Mays, Thomas Schroeder, Emily DeMaria Nicola

Jessica Gaffney approached dais at 6:27 pm.

Absent Board Members:

Sandra Van den Berg

Staff in Attendance:

Emily Ackland, Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich

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. – none

2) STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a) Travis County Budget Office, Presentation on Budget process – Alan Miller (see back-up for handout)
- b) City of Austin, Budget Office, Presentation on Budget process – Amanda Rohlich (see back-up for materials)

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING

Board Member Andrea Abel motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 14th, 2018 with Board Member Karen Magid seconding the motion to approve pending minor edits. Passed on a 8-0 vote.

Board Members Alexandra Van den Berg absent.

4) OLD BUSINESS

- i) Board Infrastructure & Protocol
 - (1) Review Board Members' meetings with City and County Officials. None
- ii) Board Recommendations Follow-up

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- (1) Use of City and County-owned Land for Urban Agriculture
 - (a) City: Watershed Protection Department has results from community engagement surveys from area residents regarding the use of this land for urban agriculture. GAVA is planning community engagement.
 - (b) County: Still waiting on soil testing study. The water well and RFP should be live in Spring 2019.
 - (c) Support for Farms and Farmers WG reached out to Leah Gibson to discuss what is being considered for this space.

5) NEW BUSINESS

- i) Board Appointments
 - (1) Review existing vacancies and skills matrix – Felipe Camacho, Thomas Schroeder, and Lorig Hawkins will all be reappointed at next commissioners meeting
 - (2) Discuss recruitment process. Karen Magid provided update
 - (a) Advertising in Austin Food Notes
 - (b) Karen requesting resumes
 - (c) How should resumes be discussed and advocacy be done
 - (d) Suggestion from Emily Ackland to create defensible criteria for reviewing board candidates
- ii) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Committee meeting. Karen Magid provided updates. Two main items discussed: 1) Bloomberg award to reduce emissions related to transportation, 2) defining structure for the Austin Community Climate Plan revision process. Three new technical advisory groups will be added: Consumption category being added which will include indirect emissions that occur outside of City boundaries, Engagement group, and Natural Systems and Sequestration group. Food and Climate addendum will roll-up into the revisions under the consumption category.
- iii) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - (1) *Build Opportunities for Food Entrepreneurs*. Sharon Mays provided update. Two main strategies.
 - (a) Provide feedback on Position in Economic Development Department
 - (b) Effect change to help pantries with permitting
 - (2) *Support Farms & Farmers*. Working on identifying pieces on land that are suitable for agriculture. Making recommendation that when city that will allow them to consider agriculture as a reason to acquire new land. Question about advocacy at state legislative level.
 - (3) *Food and Climate*. See updates under Joint Sustainability Committee

Sharon Mays left dais at 7:51 pm

- (4) *Healthy Food Access to All Communities*. Andrea Abel provided updates.
 - (a) Discussed impact of government shutdown on SNAP.
 - (b) Discussed software that's used at Farmers Markets to process SNAP.
 - (c) Regular legislative report.
- iv) Review of Board Member Assignments
 - (1) Andrea Abel to reach out to commissioners on the Joint Inclusion Commission to ask what priorities they have identified for budget recommendations and in general learn more about their process

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- (2) Board members to send Amanda Rohlich meetings with other boards and committees to learn about their budget processes
- (3) All board members who are nearing term expiration to contact their appointing body to express interest in reappointment. Edwin Marty and Amanda Rohlich to explore how other board members are recruiting and advocating for applicants
- (4) Karen Magid, Lorig Hawkins, and Jessica Gaffney to review resumes of applicants to make recommendation on three existing vacancies
- (5) Amanda Rohlich to send job posting for economic development position (closes 2/16) and send out via Austin Food Notes
- (6) Edwin Marty to add job postings to Austin Food Notes moving forward
- (7) Andrea Abel to send Fresh for Less evaluation for FY 18 to Amanda to send to full board
- (8) Amanda Rohlich to send Strategic Direction 2023 (SD23) Plan

6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Healthy Food Access meeting -- APH prioritization and how their budget process works (including FFL budget plans)
- b) March – Review of the WG recommendations – bring budget suggestions to full board

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Adrienne Haschke adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm

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