



## **Food Policy Advisory Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**704 E. Boulder Street**

**Sustainability Center**

**June 8, 2018**

**8:30am-10:30am**

**Board members present:** Joanna Zaremba/ Erika Liljestrand/ Megan Harris/ Sean Svette/Zac Chapman

**Staff members present:** Sabrina Cotta

**Guests present:** Mark Gebhart

- 1) **Call to Order** – Megan Harris called the meeting to order at 8:30am.
- 2) **Public Comment/Board Member Comment** – No comments.
- 3) **Mark Gebhart Presentation**  
Topic: El Paso County Water Master Plan  
This Master Plan is in its first steps of gathering public knowledge and concerns. There has been a survey out for public response. Survey will close in June.  
Master Plan details and targeted concerns:  
There are 50 water districts outside the city limits that the county will be addressing with this plan. Plan will address issues of water rights, well usage, development and water usage, gaps in water availability and population growth.  
In addition to explanation of the Plan Mark provided information on details of water usage policies within the county and the city as they relate to agricultural production.
- 4) **Food Systems Coordinator**  
Tabled until county audit of food access is completed, anticipated to happen in the next six months.
- 5) **Review Working Groups**  
Board discussed six month plan for activities. Agreed to narrow focus until county food access audit is complete. Focus for the next few months will be on collaborating with the parks department and the office of sustainability on organic pesticide use and

integration of fruit bearing trees/shrubs into city parks. Tasks were given to board members in relation to this focus.

6) **Final Public Comments/Board Member Comments**

Public brought to the attention of the board that there will be a local podcast about sustainability coming out in the near future. Invitation for a board member to share about the board on one of the episodes.