Zero Waste Commission Regular Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. with Chrise de Tournay, Vice Chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chrise de Tournay, Annette Poliwka, Rachel Doughty, Margo Schueler,

Nicole Ulakovic, David Grubb

LOA:

None

Absent:

Antoinette Stein

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Apa, Heidi Obermeit MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 10 PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 7

ACTION MINUTES:

1. Approval of the February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

M/S/C (de Tournay/Poliwka) to approve the agenda for the February 22, 2020 regular meeting. Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Stein

2. Approval of the February 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (de Tournay/Schueler) to approve the February 24, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Ayes: de Tournay, Poliwka, Schueler, Grubb; Abstain: Doughty, Ulakovic; Absent: Stein

3. Community Conservation Centers Update Regarding Mixed Plastics

Discussion only; no action taken.

Public comments: 3

4. Elections for Zero Waste Commission Chair and Vice Chair

M/S/C (de Tournay/Poliwka) to nominate Chrise de Tournay as Chair.

M/S/C (Schueler/de Tournay) to nominate Annette Poliwka as Vice Chair.

M/S/C (Schueler/de Tournay) to elect Chrise de Tournay as Chair and Annette Poliwka as Vice Chair of the Zero Waste Commission.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Stein

5. Approval of the FY 21/22 Zero Waste Commission Work Plan

The following work plan for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 was approved:

Goal	Resources	Program activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Transfer Station Rebuild	(First Carbon Solutions)	Consultant presentation to Commission TBD	None	N/A
Zero Waste Strategic Plan	RFP to be issued for consultant in Q3 2021	Consultant presentation at ZWD	Commission recommendations to City Council	Ongoing Commission Feedback

Goal	Resources	Program activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Food Recovery and Organics Diversion SB1383	City staff	Continue updates, review proposed County model ordinance for Berkeley ordinance adoption.	Provide recommendations as needed to Council and other stakeholders.	To help achieve state SB1383 requirements.
Single-Use Foodware & Litter Ordinance	Ecology Center, City staff, UC Berkeley/Cal Zero Waste, BUSD	Follow implementation of Single-Use Disposable Reduction Ordinance, review through lens of Covid-19 repercussions. Ecology Center pilot of reusable cup program resumes TBD	Provide recommendations as needed to Council and other stakeholders Reusables Pilot program recommendations	Provide feedback to Council on Ordinance Implementation
Clarify/Define/ Revisit what is acceptable for acceptance/re cycling of all plastics.	Staff, Community Conservation Centers, Ecology Center, StopWaste,	Listen to experts, gather information, receive updates from City partners	Recommendation to Council	Economically viable and environmentally responsible collection operation for recyclable plastics (Highest and best use)
Reduce Landfilling of Construction Debris	Deconstruction Subcommittee, Bay area Decon group, Urban Ore,	Work with builders, material resellers, CEAC, Community Health, Landmarks, Disaster/Fire Safety and Planning to increase reuse of old growth wood debris	Recommendations for Council	Recommendations for Council by end of year 2021
Annual Updates	Urban Ore, Community Conservation Centers, Ecology Center, CAW, NCRA, CPSC, Culture of Repair - (Fix it Clinics), Budget Review, Status of Export Markets, City staff, StopWaste	Presentations at ZWC Review and recommend relevant legislation Review ZW division annual budget and tonnage/metrics with City staff	Commission feedback to organizations and to Council	Ongoing Council communications
Reduce illegal dumping/bulky items landfilled	UC Berkeley, City Staff, Urban Ore.	Support UCB sustainable moveout operations/Covid-19 fallout. CoB Mattress program to coordinate with UC.	Recommendations for Council	Work w/ UCB ZW to identify community support needs Possibly expand/continue curbside mattress collection pilot program.

M/S/C (de Tournay/Grubb) to approve the FY 21/22 Zero Waste Commission Work Plan.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Stein

Public Comments: 1

6. Approval of the 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule

M/S/C (de Tournay/Poliwka) to approve the regular meeting schedule as the fourth Monday of every month, with the exception of August and December when the Commission is on recess. Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Stein

7. Motion to Extend Meeting by Five Minutes

M/S/C (de Tournay/Poliwka) to approve extending the meeting by five minutes to allow time for discussion of future agenda items.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Stein

8. Adjournment at 9:07 p.m.

M/S/C (de Tournay/Schueler) to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Stein

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by virtual videoconference/teleconference. The link to access the virtual meeting will be posted to the Community Calendar: www.cityofberkeley.info/communitycalendar/

Respectfully Submitted:

Heidi Obermeit, Secretary