

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 7:01 p.m. with Chrise de Tournay, Chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chrise de Tournay, Annette Poliwka, Steven Sherman, Rachel Doughty, Antoinette Stein, Sandra Curtis, Nicole Ulakovic
LOA: None
Absent: Margo Schueler, David Grubb

STAFF PRESENT: Heidi Obermeit, Billi Romain

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 6

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 3

ACTION MINUTES:

- 1. Approval of the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda**
Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Curtis) to approve the meeting agenda for Nov. 15, 2021.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb
- 2. Approval of the October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**
Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Doughty) to approve the October 25, 2021 meeting minutes.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb
- 3. Action to approve the 2022 Zero Waste Commission meeting schedule. The Zero Waste Commission will continue to meet as regularly scheduled until Council adopts the ordinance enabling legislation for the new Climate and Environment Commission.**
Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Doughty) to approve the 2022 meeting schedule to be the same as 2021: the fourth Monday of every month with recess in August and December.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb
Public Comment: 0
- 4. Discussion and possible action on recommendations for the new Climate and Environment Commission enabling legislation.**
No Action Taken; Discussion Only with informal recommendations provided to staff to:
 1. Include Commissioner experience criteria for new Environment and Climate Commissioner appointments;
 2. Better clarify purview of new Environment and Climate Commission vs Public Works Commission in regards to Zero Waste rates/operations;
 3. Ensure the climate-related language is better clarified/defined (e.g. change "climate mitigation" to "climate change mitigation");
 4. Include more relevant zero waste language in the Functions section of the enabling legislation for the new Environment and Climate Commission;

5. Fix typos: "ordinance" spelling at top, remove extra "the" from Function section.

Public Comment: 3

- 5. Discussion and possible action to approve updated Zero Waste Commission goals/definitions (as attached) with the intent to provide greater clarity and working agreement, on an interim basis, within the Commission about the common, but vaguely-defined term "zero waste." It does not supplant or contradict the Council's 2005 resolution regarding zero waste.**

Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/de Tournay) to approve the Zero Waste definitions (as attached) with the addition of the "inverted pyramid" graphic diagraming the Zero Waste hierarchy and the addition to include "Repair" with "Reuse" to the hierarchy language.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb

Public Comment: 0

- 6. Action to extend the meeting by 10 minutes**

Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Doughty) to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb

- 7. Report back from Secretary on any action taken by the Energy Commission regarding the referred draft ordinance regulating the use of carryout and pre-checkout bags. Discussion and possible action based on the information provided.**

No Action Taken; Discussion Only (Secretary did not have anything to report. The Energy Commission will discuss at their upcoming meeting on 12/1/21. Secretary will report back after the 12/1 meeting).

Public Comment: 0

- 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items:**

- Discuss Sending a Recommendation to Council to Adopt a Zero Waste Resolution
- Enabling Legislation for New Climate and Environment Commission
- Plastic Bag Ordinance Referral from Council (report back from Secretary regarding any relevant action taken by the Energy Commission meeting on 12/1/21)
- Request from Steven Sherman to adjourn the meeting in honor of the late Will Box, "the conscience of the composting industry."

Public comments: 0

- 9. Adjournment at 9:06 p.m.**

M/S/C (de Tournay/Stein) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Monday, January 24, 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