



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Solid Waste Management Division

MINUTES
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Monday, May 23, 2005
Solid Waste Management Center, 1201 Second Street

Chairman Peter Schultze-Allen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Susan Blachman (7:15), Steen Jensen, Jay Miyazaki, Peter Schultze-Allen, Carrie Sprague, David Tam

Commissioners absent: Fred Dodsworth, Sankor Sridaran

Staff: Tom Farrell, Tania Levy, and Peter Hilliard

Members of the Public: Emma Gilbride, Jeff Belchamber and Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Center (CCC), Steve Sherman of Applied Compost Consulting, and Dan Sicular of ESA.

2. Comments from the Public: Farrell introduced Peter Hilliard, soon to be Director of Public Works.

3. Announcements: Levy announced that the UN World Environment conference begins June 1 in San Francisco. Tom Farrell is speaking.

4. Approval of the minutes of the April 25, 2005 meeting: It was M/S Sprague/Miyazaki to approve the minutes as corrected. Approved, 6/0/1, Tam abstaining due to his absence at that meeting.

5. Approval of Agenda: It was M/S Tam/Sprague to approve the agenda. Approved 7/0/0.

6. New Business:

a. Reports from Budget Subcommittee and Staff: It was M/S Miyazaki/Tam to approve the Budget Committee's memo with the following revisions; to send the revised memo to Schultze-Allen for final approval; and to transmit it to Council.

i. Put on the first page, the statement that the proposed budget has no funding for new initiatives toward the 75% goal.

ii. Clarify the five jobs to be eliminated in the clean cities program

7. Old Business:

a. Response to Council request concerning reuse of polystyrene: The Commission reviewed the report by Commissioner Jensen and suggested adding the Council request page, the percentage of polystyrene packaging in the waste stream, whether it is a problem in the storm water system, and the possibility of grant funding to assist businesses in recycling or using alternative packaging. It was M/S Jensen/Sprague to forward the report as corrected to Council for their June 28 meeting. Approved 7/0/0.

- b. **Solid Waste Management Plan:** Environmental Science Associates distributed their latest draft. Commissioners discussed options for Construction/Demolition Waste diversion, and enforcement of “mandatory” residential recycling, and application of mandatory participation to small multi-family buildings. Miyazaki requested more public exposure, and to invite those who commented at prior workshops to the July Commission meeting and to review the provisions with the City’s recycling contractors. Tam proposed that the meeting be at North Berkeley Senior Center. There will be formal public hearings as part of the Council review process.
At 9:00, it was M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Tam to extend the meeting until 9:20. 7/0/0 Emma Gilbride (former chair of the City Budget Review Commission) suggested including a glossary of terms for the many acronyms in the report. Blachman requested an executive summary and clearer table showing diversion levels and cost to achieve them. Jensen asked if there were other combinations of programs to reach 75%. Sicular responded that the City would have to be aggressive in all sectors to reach 75% diversion.
 - c. **Results of Commission communications to Council:** Levy reported that the Council referred the Commission's budget report and refuse fund report to the Budget Process on May 10. Council also voted on May 10, 2005 to extend the three recycling contracts by two years as requested by the Commission. Council postponed the item on merging Commissions to the June 14, 2005 agenda.
 - d. **Accessible Meeting Locations:** It was M/S/C Schultze-Allen/ Miyazaki to meet next month at the North Berkeley Senior Center. 7/0/0
- 8. **Staff Reports:** The Division still has no information from the Human Resources Department about the Recycling Program Manager.
 - 9. **Future Agenda Items:** The next meeting will be June 27, 2005 at the North Berkeley Senior Center. Agenda items include a sixty-minute public meeting about the Solid Waste Management Plan.
 - 10. **Adjourn:** It was M/S/C Miyazaki/Sprague 7/0/0 to adjourn at 9:20 pm.