



MINUTES
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Monday, November 28, 2005
North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue, Health Room

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Solid Waste Management Division

This location is Wheelchair Accessible.

This meeting was moved to 2180 Milvia Street, 3rd floor North conference room, due to mistaken closure of the North Berkeley Senior Center.

Chairman Peter Schultze-Allen called the meeting to order at 7: 30 p.m. due to necessary change in venue. The meeting

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Susan Blachman, Asa Dodsworth, Steen Jensen, Jay Miyazaki, Peter Schultze-Allen, Carrie Sprague, David Tam

Commissioners absent: Sankar Sridaran

Staff: Peter Holtzclaw, Tania Levy, Charlotte Ford, Billie Rainey

Members of the Public: Jeff Belchamber and Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Center (CCC), Martin Bourque –Director of the Ecology Center and Daniel Maher, Ecology Center Recycling Manager; Dan Knapp and Mary Lou Van Deventer of Urban Ore, Freyja Knapp – UCB graduate student, and Steve Lautze representing Northern California Recycling Association.

2. Comments

- a. Comments from the Public: Dan Knapp described and distributed drawings of a solar-powered transfer station and material recovery facility his company designed for a town in England with 140,000 residents. Martin Bourque announced that he is now on the Green Resource Network (GRN) Board. GRN will sponsor a skill share convention in Seattle or Boulder in spring and Zero Waste classes at the National Recycling Congress in Atlanta in August 2006. Distance learning will be available. A local meeting of zero waste jurisdictions will be held in Oakland, Wednesday November 30 from 1 to 4 pm.
- b. Commissioners viewed and discussed the Northern California Recycling Association (NCRA) Video directed by Steve Lautze. The Solid Waste Management Division has a copy.
- c. Comments from Commissioners: Blachman inquired whether actions taken at the meeting would be legal, due to the change of venue. Staff will investigate and inform commission. If votes are not binding, they may be retaken at the January meeting. *(The City Clerk confirmed that the meeting was legal).*

3. Announcements: None

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2005: M/S Tam/Steen to approve the minutes of October 24, 2005 as written. Approved 7/0/0.
4. Approval of Agenda: After deleting item 6c, construction and demolition processing, the agenda was approved 7/0/0.
5. Old Business
 - a. Solid Waste Management Plan

Holtzclaw reported that the Plan's Council report is now an information item. It will be part of a Council Work Session and power-point presentation on January 24. A commissioner will participate in the presentation. The City Manager has requested changes in the report as written and distributed, but it is essentially the same. Miyazaki questioned how money would be allotted for the next step? This will be part of the presentation. Dodsworth questioned inclusion of contracting options.
ACTION: It was M/S Miyazaki/Steen that the Solid Waste Management Commission has been involved in development of the Solid Waste Management Plan from its inception, and supports the substance of the report being presented to Council. 7/0/0.
 - b. Fund health and uses of Refuse Fund: Ms. Ford stated that the Fund is healthy now, but may not be in future years. Costs of labor and fuel have increased. The Budget Office wishes the Fund to have a larger reserve. Staff is considering contracting out long haul trucking in order to reduce safety risks and to minimize purchase of additional trucks and workers to transport increasing tonnage
6. Change Commission Name to Zero Waste Commission

Staff distributed a revised council item and ordinance, with changes requested by the City Clerk, and a choice of definitions of Highest and Best Use. Commissioners chose to use the definition from the Grass Roots Recycling Network and Zero Waste International Alliance, slightly modified to add mulching to Recycle Organics option #3, and to change the introductory sentence. The definition of Highest and Best Use will be included in the ordinance as directed by the City Clerk.
ACTION: It was M/S Tam/Dodsworth to approve the resolution changing the name and functions of the Solid Waste Commission, with the addition of the definition of Highest and Best Use. 7/0/0.
6. Staff reports: Levy distributed the quarterly tonnage report, but will include it in the following meeting due to time limitations.
7. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: There will be no December meeting. Commissioners discussed and rejected an extra meeting in early January. The next meeting will be January 23, the usual fourth Monday of the month, at the North Berkeley Community Center. Suggested topics include the upcoming Council Study Session, quarterly reports, and processing of local wood chips for mulch.
11. Adjourn: M/S Steen/Blachman to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Carried 7/0/0