



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Solid Waste Management Division

**MINUTES**  
**ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**  
**Monday, February 27, 2006**  
**North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Street**

Chairman Peter Schultze-Allen called the meeting to order at 7: 15 p.m.

1. Roll Call:

**Commissioners present:** Susan Blachman (7:18 arrival), Asa Dodsworth (7:15 arrival), Jay Miyazaki, Peter Schultze-Allen (7:10 arrival), Carrie Sprague, David Tam (7:50 arrival)

**Commissioners absent:** Jensen

**Staff:** Peter Holtzclaw, Tania Levy

**Members of the Public:** Jeff Belchamber and Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Center (CCC); Mark Gorrell, and Daniel Maher, Ecology Center; Dan Knapp and Mary Lou Van Deventer of Urban Ore;

2. Comments

Comments from the Public:

- Dan Knapp from Urban Ore commented favorably about the current site planning process;
- Commissioners were reminded to submit their Economic Interests Form to the City Clerk

Comments from Commissioners:

- Blachman reiterated the ZWC's support of the Precautionary Principle, which Council will vote on in March.

3. Announcements

- Holtzclaw apologizes to the ZWC for the scheduling mix-up with Justin Lehrer. Lehrer and Rory Bakke will present at the May 24 ZWC Meeting.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2006: M/S Sprague/Miyazaki to approve the 1/23 minutes as written. Approved 5/0/0.

5. Approval of Agenda: M/S Sprague/Blachman to approve the agenda, noting to change date to 1/23. Approved 7/0/0.

6. Old Business

a. SWMP Update: Holtzclaw recapped the 1/24 presentation to City Council. The general outlook on the site rebuild and new programs is positive. The plan is for the ZWC and Staff to return to Council before the summer recess with a C&D ordinance. Staff will prepare a primer of the current and proposed programs, the economics involved, and the site rebuild, for Council to study during their recess. Council can then discuss and decide a course of action in the Fall, as well as take up a Mandatory Commercial Recycling Ordinance then.

7. New Business
  - a. Elections By a 5-0-0 unanimous vote, Steen Jensen was elected Zero Waste Commission Chair and Asa Dodsworth was elected Vice-Chair.
  - b. Transfer Rates Holtzclaw presented a draft proposal for increasing transfer station rates. Miyazaki suggested possibly phasing in some of the increases, and wondered if the increase would also spur illegal dumping. Shultze-Allen also noted that for residential billing, a direct bill versus the current practice of itemizing it on the bi-annual tax bill would positively affect curbside recycling. Staff is still discussing whether to draft a resolution for a mid-year increase, or wait until May to roll it into the new rate schedule for next year.
  - c. Extended Producer Responsibility Ordinance Shultze-Allen brought various efforts around the Bay Area regarding Extended Producer Responsibility Ordinances to the Commission's attention. Given the Plan Update, staff and the commission agreed that this type of legislation might have more success if another city commission championed it. Miyazaki moved, Blachman seconded, that the ZWC strongly urges the Environmental Commission to look into drafting an EPR Ordinance for the City of Berkeley. Carries 6-0-0.
  - d. Universal Waste A general discussion ensued about the new state laws regarding Universal Waste. CCC is currently accepting batteries and fluorescent tubes. The situation is very fluid, with the state attempting to clarify the myriad interpretations of the various disposal protocols. Urban Ore, CCC, and the City have all been affected. Staff will keep the Commission apprised of the situation as it develops.
8. Staff and Contractor Quarterly Reports:
  - CCC and the Ecology Center both gave reports on their programs. Tonnages have generally been down, however these decreases are relatively small.
9. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:
  - Justin Lehrer presentation
  - Brian Mathews presentation on the proposed Sunol Compost facility
  - Budget
  - Universal Waste
  - Urban Ore and Construction and Demolition Recycling
  - Beyond February: Permaculture and Regional Solid Waste Rates
10. Adjourn: M/S Miyazaki/Blachman to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Carried 7/0/0