



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Solid Waste Management Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Monday, June 26, 2006
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Street

Chairman Steen Jensen called the meeting to order at 7: 05 p.m.

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Asa Dodsworth, Steen Jensen, Nashua Kalil, Jay Miyazaki, Peter Schultze-Allen, Susan Blachman (7:20 arrival), David Tam (8:05 arrival),

Commissioners absent: Sprague;

Staff: Peter Holtzclaw, Claudette Ford

Members of the Public: Daniel Maher and Martin Bourke of the Ecology Center; Dan Knapp and Mary Lou Van Deventer (Urban Ore); Jeff Belchamber and Sara MacKusick (Community Conservation Center), Mr. Christian Pecaut.

2. Comments from the Public

Mr. Pecaut addressed the Commission, informing it of his candidacy for Mayor. He was also concerned about an item that came up the previous week at the City Council meeting about customers being overcharged for services and then not receiving refunds. Ford and Holtzclaw reported to the Commission that these issues are being handled by the Finance Department as directed by the City Manager and City Council.

3. Announcements and Commissioner Comments

None.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2006: M/S Schultze-Allen/Miyazaki to approve the minutes as corrected (“Kalil and Holtzclaw reported the Zero Waste Plan was moving forward as discussed”). Approved 4/0/1 (Kalil abstains).

5. Approval of Agenda: M/S Schultze-Allen/Kalil. Approved 5/0/0.

6. Old Business

- a. FY07 Budget. Commissioners wanted to know if the Council knew about the issues important to the Commission regarding the refuse fund balance, as well as the fact that the item was not pre-printed. Ford assured the Commission that the Council did understand the refuse fund issues, and that the item was not available because the Finance Department was working on the fire fuel surcharge until the last minute. Commissioners urged Holtzclaw to collaborate with them as the Primer is prepared for Council; Ford thought that would not be a problem as long as it is not a joint report.
- b. Status of June Council Items: Sunol. Commissioners discussed what the next step should be now that the County has stopped the project’s development. Schultze-Allen suggested tabling any action until StopWaste votes on it next week. Jensen agreed, and placed item on July agenda for broader discussion.

7. New Business

- a. Zero Waste Discussion: Jensen wants to make sure the commissioners agree with the direction of the city's policies and operations with regards to the 75% diversion goal. Miyazaki suggested putting this question, and other related issues, onto the plate of a subcommittee. Ford concurred, citing the Public Works Commission's use of subcommittees. Jensen formed a Zero Waste Subcommittee that will bring larger Zero Waste issues back to full commission. Nashua Kalil, David Tam, Jay Miyazaki, and Asa Dodsworth volunteered.
 - b. ICLEI Greenhouse Gas Report. Schultze-Allen and Holtzclaw announce this countywide project that quantifies each city's emissions, to be completed within the next 6 months.
8. Staff Reports: Staff reports were postponed to the July meeting.

Adjourn: It was M/S Tam/Blachman to adjourn at 9:00. Approved 5/0/0.