



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Solid Waste Management Division

**MINUTES**  
**ZERO WASTE COMMISSION**  
**Monday, Sept. 27, 2010**  
**North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Street**  
**Workshop Room B, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**

Vice Chair Jensen called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:10 PM

**1. Roll Call:**

**Commissioners present:** Jensen, Bartlett, Blachman, Kirkpatrick, Kalil (7:10) Tam (7:30).

**Commissioners absent:** Moos, Gomez

**Staff:** Ken Etherington - Division Manager; Tania Levy – Associate Analyst.

**Members of the Public:** Martin Bourque & Daniel Maher of the Ecology Center (EC); Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Center (CCC); Mary Lou Van Deventer of Urban Ore; Doug Halperin and Van Vuong.

**2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C Kalil/Kirkpatrick to approve the agenda, 5/0/0**

**3. Comments from the Public:** Doug Halperin introduced himself as a potential commissioner for District 4.

**4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments:** Kalil asked that staff consider new grant opportunities for public space programs and receptacles for Downtown business areas and parks. Secretary Schneider reported that we have 2 new commission vacancies, as Moos and Gomez have informally terminated their appointments.

**5. Approve Meeting Minutes of July 26 and August 23, 2010: M/S/C Blachman/Bartlett to approve July 26 minutes 5/0/0. M/S/C Kalil/Kirkpatrick to approve Aug. 23 minutes 5/0/0.**

**6. Contractor Annual Reports:** Daniel Maher presented the Ecology Center's quarterly report to the Commission. He presented information on the new cart program, tonnage decrease and poaching. Sara MacKusick then presented CCC's quarterly report to the Commission. She provided information about reduced tonnage and the new contract negotiations. Both presenters provided written reports as well.

**7. Residential Recycling Cart Project Status:** Secretary Schneider reported on the progress of the residential recycling cart roll-out. Including assembly, distribution, data base, outreach, website and poaching.

**8. Subcommittee Updates:**

**Poaching:** Bartlett reported on the poaching enforcement strategy approved by Council on September 21. Procedures and press coverage were discussed.

**Facilities and Programs:** Jensen provided a workplan created by the subcommittee that outlines the primary commission issues and responsible parties.

**9. Construction & Demolition Recycling Ordinance Review:** Details of amendments to the city's construction and demolition ordinance were discussed. The changes keep us in compliance with new State green building codes and shift responsibility for plan review from solid waste staff to the planning department. **M/S/C Jensen/Kalil, 6/0/0**

**Resolution supporting amendment by the Planning Department of BMC Chapter 19.24**

**The Zero Waste Commission supports amending BMC Chapter 19.24 concerning construction and demolition debris salvage and recycling. The amendments will comply with the new State Green building code, establish more practical thresholds for covered projects, and shift responsibility for reviewing diversion plans and reports from Public Works to the Planning Department. We believe these amendments will streamline the approval procedure, provide better tracking and inspection of construction site diversion activities, and support the City's zero-waste goals. The ZWC commends the Planning Department for hiring a green building inspector. We thank the Solid Waste Division for administering this program to date, and commend both departments for being among the first in the nation to require construction debris recycling plans.**

**10. Division Update:** Etherington reported on the progress of the Division assessment project and that it will be completed by the end of 2010. The Commission asked that a draft of the final report would be provided for Commission review as soon as possible. Etherington also stated that, due to the defeat of AB 1998, that the City would likely need to do our own EIR to create a plastic bag ordinance. There was discussion of regional action including shared EIR and possible countywide ordinance.

Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes **M/S/C Jensen/Bartlett 6/0/0**

**11. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:** Due to staff issues, the October commission meeting will be canceled and the November meeting will be moved to November 15.

**12. Adjourn:** **M/S/C Jensen/Kirkpatrick to adjourn at 9:15 6/0/0**