



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Solid Waste Management Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, Jan. 24, 2011
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Street
Workshop Room B, 1st floor

Vice Chair Jensen called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:05 PM

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Jensen, Bartlett, Kirkpatrick, Kalil, Blachman (7:15), Tam (7:30)

Commissioners absent: Halperin (excused)

Staff: Ken Etherington - Solid Waste Division Manager, Andy Schneider – Recycling Program Manager

Members of the Public: Martin Bourque and Daniel Maher of the Ecology Center (EC); Sara MacKusick and Jeff Belchamber of Community Conservation Center (CCC); Dan Knapp and Mary Lou Van Deventer of Urban Ore; numerous members of SEIU 1021, potential candidate Carlos Saborio.

2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C Kalil/Kirkpatrick to approve the agenda 4/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: Dan Knapp announced that Mark Gorrell will be honored at the Jan 25th council meeting. Carlos Saborio announced that he is considering the District 7 Commission seat.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Kalil asked if staff had information on the downtown public space reorganization planning effort in order to make sure that the Commission's input is considered. Ken Etherington agreed to find the appropriate contact person. Martin Bourque stated that the West Berkeley Plan will be discussed at a Council workshop and Public Hearing on Jan 25, 2011.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of Nov. 15, 2010: Kalil requested that the minutes be corrected to add "coordination of new programs and mutual benefits" to Lisa Bauer's UC presentation and to change a reference from "she" to "the Commission" and from "a" to "the" in the budget presentation expectations. **M/S/C Kirkpatrick/Blachman to approve the Nov 15, 2010 minutes as amended 5/0/0**

6. Presentation: Urban Ore - Brazil Zero Waste International Meeting: Mary Lou Van Deventer gave a presentation on sending 3 Urban Ore staff members to the Zero Waste International Meeting in Florianopolis, Brazil. This was an information sharing mission in preparation for Brazil's hosting of the Olympics in 2014.

7. Presentation: Ecology Center – Residential Recycling Cart Program: Martin Bourque gave a presentation on the results of the recent implementation of the residential cart program. He overviewed Ecology Center's community programs as well as some of the key dates in the evolution of curbside recycling collection in Berkeley. He shared some of the research used to

support the switch to cart service while continuing dual stream collection. He described the program planning and outreach materials that supported the program rollout and provided details of the call volume and types of issues reported to Ecology Center's call center. Martin reported on the improved material separation and increased volumes due to the new carts. He stated the importance of focus groups and Commission involvement in future projects of this sort. The reduction in poaching and length of work days were discussed. SEIU members had questions about Ecology Center operations. Kalil requested that the Ecology Center cart presentation be provided to Council.

Kalil requested that staff present quarterly tonnage information from the Transfer Station, collections and CCC at the March Commission meeting. Schneider agreed to include the SEIU committee chair on ZWC communications.

8. ZWC Nominations for February Elections:

Bartlett was nominated as Vice Chair. Jensen/Kalil 6/0/0

Kalil was nominated as Chair. Kirkpatrick/Blachman 6/0/0

9. Plastic Bag Ordinance Status: Schneider reported that an information report on the status of the City's bag reduction ordinance goes to Council on Jan 25th. It recommends waiting until StopWaste's EIR on a countywide bag ban is complete before adopting our own ordinance.

10. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: Tam reminded staff of his interest in a Clean Cities presentation or discussion. Kirkpatrick reminded staff that the Commission will want to see the Sloan Vazquez report prior to the February meeting. Jensen asked when the Commission can expect the budget presentation, which Etherington said will be after the February meeting. Bartlett stated that the Commission may need to attach a rider to the Sloan Vazquez report before it goes to Council because the new information provided by Ecology Center in their presentation must be considered before any decision moving forward.

11. Adjourn: M/S/C Jensen/Kalil to adjourn at 9:03 6/0/0