



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Solid Waste Management Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, March 26, 2012
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue
Workshop Room B, 1st floor

Chair Kalil called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:04 PM

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Kalil, Kirkpatrick, Saborio, Jensen, Schultze-Allen, Tam (7:07), Halperin (7:09)

Commissioners absent: Bartlett

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

Members of the Public: Councilmember Kriss Worthington, Mathew Lam from CALPIRG, Sara MacKusick and Jeff Belchamber of Community Conservation Center (CCC); Miguel Martinez, Solid Waste Worker

2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C Halperin/Jensen to approve amended agenda 5/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: Councilmember Worthington offered information to support his council item for an all-retail bag ban in Berkeley. He stated that he does not anticipate we will need the outreach budget that the County proposes and that we could have a fair and effective all-retail ordinance with minimal expense to the City. Matthew Lam from CALPIRG reminded the commission of the potential environmental benefit of a wider ban and the importance of timing and fairness if we were to implement an all-retail bag ordinance.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Tam announced that the NCRA Update on March 27th has been moved from Oakland to The Freight and Salvage in Berkeley. Saborio stated that the multi-family building he lives in had their service schedule and rate increased apparently with no notice. Staff is investigating.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2012: M/S/C Tam/Saborio to approve the amended February 27, 2012 minutes 7/0/0

6. Strategic Plan Next Steps: Chair Kalil overviewed the process of the Subcommittee's work on the strategic plan. She overviewed the City's Climate Action Plan and the goals accomplished so far. She said the Subcommittee and staff will be revising the table of contents and will then prioritize, update and add to the remaining goals.

7. Mandatory Recycling: Schneider reported on the implementation plan for the mandatory recycling, which becomes effective on July 1, 2012. Potential issues in the commercial and Multi-family sectors were discussed, as was the outreach program proposed by the county.

8. Bag Ordinance Update: Commission report on the All-retail bag ordinance will be reviewed at the April 23 ZWC meeting.

9. Expanded Rigid Plastics Discussion: CCC was awarded the container line upgrade grant by the Waste Authority. Construction will begin in spring. A soft start of sorting non-bottle plastics from incidental and drop-off materials will begin as soon as the upgrade is complete. As Ecology Center routes are currently maxed out, a volume and route study is needed before officially adding other plastics to our curbside collection programs.

10. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: All-retail Bag Ordinance Commission Report, NCRA Update overview, routing update

11. Adjourn: M/S/C Kirkpatrick/Halperin to adjourn at 9:05 7/0/0