



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Solid Waste Management Division

**MINUTES**  
**ZERO WASTE COMMISSION**  
**Monday, April 23, 2012**  
**North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue**  
**Workshop Room B, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**

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

**1. Roll Call:**

**Commissioners present:** Kalil, Kirkpatrick, Saborio, Jensen, Halperin, Bartlett, Schultze-Allen (7:08)

**Commissioners absent:** Tam

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

**Members of the Public:** Sara MacKusick and Jeff Belchamber of Community Conservation Center (CCC); Miguel Martinez, Solid Waste Worker; John Hanscom, Adam Heffler.

**2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C Saborio/Kirkpatrick to approve amended agenda 6/0/0**

**3. Comments from the Public:** John Hanscom introduced himself as a consultant for ESA and attending the meeting as a member of the public.

**4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments:** Saborio announced his resignation from the Commission as he is beginning graduate study at Carnegie Mellon. Kirkpatrick announced she is beginning graduate study at the Goldman School of Public Policy. Halperin suggests that refuse materials be identified on our collection containers like San Francisco. Schultze-Allen announced the CRRA conference in Oakland on Aug 6-8. Schneider added that Berkeley will be have a panel presentation on Tuesday August 7 on Berkeley's Unique Approach to Resource Management and that Tania Levy will be given a Lifetime Achievement award by the CRRA Awards Committee directly after. Schultze-Allen reported on the code enforcement training he completed in Sacramento which will prepare Emeryville for Mandatory and Bag enforcement for the County Ordinances. Kalil announced an upcoming panel discussion on the Future of Recycling in Berkeley on June 7<sup>th</sup> with the Ecology Center, Save the Bay, StopWaste.org and City Staff. Schneider reported on attending El Cerrito's new drop-off center grand opening and City efforts at the Berkeley Earth Day event.

**5. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2012: M/S/C Kirkpatrick/Halperin to approve the March 26, 2012 minutes 7/0/0**

**6. Bag Ordinance Update:** Kalil overviewed the draft Commission Report which states general Commission support for an all-retail bag ban ordinance in Berkeley. There was discussion about potential staffing, outreach and enforcement costs needed to create an effective supplemental bag ban in conjunction with the county's ordinance. It was agreed that an all retail supplemental ordinance would not be supported by the ZWC without identified funding and staff resources. As

consensus on a Commission recommendation could not be reached, it was agreed that a revised Commission report would be developed and reviewed at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting with a new council date.

**7. Strategic Plan Update:** Chair Kalil overviewed the process of the Subcommittee's work on the strategic plan. The City's Climate Action Plan and the goals accomplished were overviewed. The Subcommittee and staff had taken comments and integrated them into the framework including new chapters on efficiency, expanded discussion on multi-family and commercial franchise issues. Individual Commissioners have been identified to focus on specific topics.

**8. Expanded Rigid Plastics Discussion:** Jeff Belchamber reported on CCC's progress on additional plastics processing including bin purchases, container line upgrade and estimates of commercial and residential potential volumes.

**9. Collection Routing Update:** Etherington updated the Commission on the full City reroute of refuse and plant debris routes planned for August. Refuse routes will increase from 6 two-person routes to 8 single operator routes. Plant debris routes are changing from 5 two-person to 7 single operator routes. Approximately 60% of the residential accounts will have a day change which will be necessary for added route efficiency.

**10. Steen Jensen Appreciation:** Commissioner Jensen was recognized by the Commission for his efforts and involvement during his 8 years on the Commission. A list of ZWC and Division accomplishments was reviewed and Steen was thanked for his dedication and input.

**11. NCRA Recycle Update Overview:** Deferred to May 21

**12. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:** All-retail Bag Ordinance Recommendation Action, NCRA Recycle Update

**13. Adjourn:** M/S/C Jensen/Bartlett to adjourn at 9:05 7/0/0