



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Solid Waste Management Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, May 21, 2012
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue
Workshop Room B, 1st floor

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

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Kalil, Saborio, Halperin, Schultze-Allen (7:15)

Commissioners absent: Tam, Kirkpatrick, Bartlett

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

Members of the Public: Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Center (CCC); Daniel Maher & Martin Bourque (8:10) of Ecology Center; Miguel Martinez, Solid Waste Worker; Shannon Davis, student

2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C Saborio/Halperin to approve amended agenda 4/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: Shannon Davis stated her consideration of relocating to Berkeley and her possible interest in joining the Commission.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Kalil announced the Commission's co-sponsorship with the Ecology Center on a series of Zero Waste workshops, the first of which will be held on June 7th at the Center Street YMCA at 7:30.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2012: M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Saborio to approve the April 23, 2012 minutes 4/0/0 Kalil asked that #7 Strategic Plan Update be amended to state that previous comments had been integrated into the framework including new chapters on efficiency, multi-family and commercial franchise issues. Individual Commission members will take on specific sections as we move forward.

6. All-retail Bag Ordinance Discussion & Action: Kalil overviewed the revised Commission Report. Sections were discussed in detail and focused on appropriate language to clarify how Council can request action on process, especially the environmental review.

M/S/C Saborio/Halperin to approve amended Commission Report 4/0/0.

7. Strategic Plan Update: Chair Kalil identified individuals who will focus on specific goals in the draft strategic plan. Ken Etherington will focus on writing the efficiency goal and work with the ZWC on revising the rate structure goal; Martin Bourque will assist in writing the goal on reducing waste at its source including take out fare and waste reduction; Andy Schneider will focus on Mandatory Recycling; Peter Schultze-Allen will assist in writing Franchise actions & policy; Halperin will focus on expanding recycling acceptance.

8. Division Update:

a) Collection Routing & Truck Update: Etherington overviewed the planned re-route of collection routes and brought current and planned route maps. Service day changes and the new set-out notification postcard were reviewed and discussed. Ecology Center routing concerns with additional driving time - particularly around the UC campus, were discussed and a follow-up meeting was proposed.

b) Expanded Rigid Plastics Discussion: Schneider reported on CCC's efforts to capture more plastics from Berkeley's waste stream. Through expansion of the drop-off area and new signage, CCC has begun to sort and bale non-bottle plastics. Items covered at the Plastics Workgroup were also discussed.

9. NCRA Recycle Update Overview: Schneider and Bourque shared highlights of the NCRA Update.

10. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: CCC Plastics presentation

11. Adjourn: M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Kalil to adjourn at 9:05 4/0/0