



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Solid Waste Management Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, July 23, 2012
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue
Workshop Room B, 1st floor

Chair Kalil called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:12 PM

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Kalil, Halperin, Bartlett, Schultze-Allen, Tam (7:50)

Commissioners absent: Kirkpatrick (Excused)

Staff: Andy Schneider – Recycling Program Manager

Members of the Public: Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Center (CCC); Steen Jensen; Miguel Martinez; Shannon Davis; John Hanscom; Janice Wenning, Carolyn Dean.

2. Approve Agenda:

M/S/C Bartlett/Schultze-Allen to approve amended agenda 4/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: Schneider shared a document prepared by Dan Knapp on the history of discard management in Berkeley. Comments will be taken for a revised version to be approved by the Commission. Sara MacKusick introduced Carolyn Dean, a multifamily property owner and CCC Board Member. The importance of tenant information and outreach was discussed.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Bartlett reported on his work with the Air Resources Board and the shift in focus from environmental to actual health impacts. Kalil asked for clarification of the regulations on bi-weekly rubbish collection.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2012:

M/S/C Halperin/Bartlett to approve June 25, 2012 minutes 3/0/1 (Schultze-Allen abstains)

6. Climate Action Coalition: Schneider announced an opportunity for Commission input in the Climate Action Coalitions upcoming meetings. Kalil encouraged reviewing Climate Action Plan and coordinating efforts with the Climate Action Coalition.

7. Expanded Plastics Recycling: Schneider reported on actions taken to move expanded plastics collection forward in response to Council's request. CCC's container line grant and upgrade was overviewed. CCC is now capturing non-bottle rigid plastics from the container line and the drop-off center. Due to current Ecology Center truck capacity issues, volume assessments will be needed before we can officially add non-bottle rigids to our residential and commercial curbside collection programs.

Tam arrives 7:50

8. Strategic Plan Update: Kalil reviewed the Commission's goal to create and approve a Strategic Plan for the Solid Waste Division. Studies will be needed on how we will collect and process recyclables in the future; how we will handle the commercial franchise; the impacts of mandatory recycling and composting; and the need for a sustainable rate structure. Contractor and Commission input will be necessary to properly inform the scope of these studies.

9. Division Update:

Bag Ordinance Update: Schneider reported on the Council item for July 24th, where the Commission report and recommendations will be presented by the Chair and staff.

County Fee Action: Schneider reported on the new Benchmarking Fee approved by the Waste Authority. This fee will be applied to every waste account in the county and will provide generation and diversion information to generators.

10. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: Strategic Plan, Subcommittee studies, Food ware ordinance, Plastics response to Council, outreach plans.

11. Adjourn: M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Bartlett to adjourn at 9:00 5/0/0