



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Solid Waste Management Division

**MINUTES**  
**ZERO WASTE COMMISSION**  
**Monday, September 24, 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 7:10 PM

**1. Roll Call:**

**Commissioners present:** Kalil, Halperin, Schultze-Allen, Wenning, Tam (7:12)

**Commissioners absent:** Bartlett, Kirkpatrick (Excused)

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

**Members of the Public:** Jeff Belchamber of Community Conservation Center (CCC); Steen Jensen; Miguel Martinez; Shannon Davis; John Hanscom

**2. Approve Agenda:**

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

**3. Comments from the Public:** Shannon Davis reported on her work with the UC Plastics Disclosure Project where Douglas Woodring is working on plastics to biofuel applications. Coordinating efforts with new UC Recycling Manager Lin King was discussed.

**4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments:** Schultze-Allen reported that Emeryville will be touring Recology Grover to review bioplastics processing and to determine if they will be changing to a WM processing facility.

**5. Approve Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2012:**

**M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Halperin to approve July 23, 2012 minutes 5/0/0**

**6. Expanded Plastic Bag Ordinance Update:** Schneider reported on the County Reusable Bag Ordinance process and the current actions to complete the additional CEQA work required for Berkeley to consider an all retail bag ordinance. Once these requirements are completed, the Commission will review and return to Council with a recommendation.

**7. Solid Waste Division Accomplishments:** Etherington gave an overview of Solid Waste Division accomplishments, cost reductions and improved efficiencies. New and renegotiated contracts, routing and new collection fleet were all covered.

**8. Extended Producer Responsibility:** Kalil provided a draft, updated EPR resolution for Commission review. Upon consideration of recent EPR outcomes in other municipalities, it was agreed that additional revision was warranted. The Chair requested staff & commissioner collaboration to prepare a new draft resolution for the October 22, 2012 commission meeting.

**Motion to extend the meeting to 9:10: M/S/C Tam/Wenning to extend meeting 5/0/0**

**9. Solid Waste Division Proposed Name Change:** Kalil made a motion to approve the following resolution to rename the Solid Waste Management Division to the Zero Waste Division to better reflect our collective zero waste goals:

**Whereas, the City of Berkeley has adopted Zero Waste by 2020 as its goal; and**

**Whereas, the Zero Waste Commission is closely working with the Solid Waste Management Division to advance and complete a Zero Waste Strategic Plan in concert with the update of the City's Climate Action Plan; and**

**Whereas, the activities of the Solid Waste Management Division are specifically focused on achieving the goal of zero waste in Berkeley; and**

**Whereas we, the Zero Waste Commission, in partnership with the Division, wish to affirm the serious dedication of the City, staff, citizens and stakeholders in achieving this goal.**

**Therefore, let it be resolved that we, the Zero Waste Commission, together with Division staff, hereby wish to rename the Division from its current name the "Solid Waste Management Division" to become the "Zero Waste Division" and request that Council direct the City Manager to work with all parties to formalize the Division's name change in honor of this commitment.**

**Motion to approve division name change recommendation: M/S/C Kalil/Schultze-Allen  
5/0/0**

**10. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:** EPR, Foodware ordinance, CEQA bag action, Truck graphics, Transfer Station update, Franchise study, Every-other-week collection.

**11. Adjourn:** M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Halperin to adjourn at 9:10 5/0/0