



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Zero Waste Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, July 22, 2013
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard - 1326 Allston Way
Ratcliff Building, Willow Room

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

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Kalil, Twu, Wenning, McCarter, Schultze-Allen (7:50)

Commissioners absent: Halperin (excused), Davis (excused)

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

Members of the Public: Vincent Drew; Jeff Belchamber of Community Conservation Center; Dan Knapp of Urban Ore.

2. Approve Agenda:

M/S/C Wenning/Twu to approve agenda 4/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: Vincent Drew stated his Anthropology major and interest in waste policy. Dan Knapp reported on the Recycling Archives project. Dan asked if Berkeley's EPR policy was approved and mentioned he is working on an EPR position paper for the CRRA Board of Directors.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Ryan McCarter is a Cal graduate who studied Environmental Science & Energy and Resources. Recently worked for Green Citizen a Bay Area electronics reuse & recycling organization, with a center in Berkeley. Twu reported on past efforts to get reusable goods to those who can use them at Cal move out. Kalil reported on Councilmember Wengraf's commissioner roundtable in relation to HHW program partnering with other Commissions.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2013:

M/S/C Wenning/Twu to approve the June 24, 2013 minutes as written 4/0/1

6. Rate Structure Consultant Update: Etherington reported that the rate study is underway with the selected vendor HF&H. The consultant will be providing the City with current program costs with an awareness of near future changes like Mandatory Recycling Phase II. The consultants will attend some meetings prior to the December 3rd Council Workshop date, with a 218 vote tabulation in March 2014. Kalil requested a ZWC workshop in October to provide ample opportunity for Commission input.

7. Plastic Program Update: Schneider reported that the plastic program expansion was publicly announced through press releases on July 10th. Multiple public outreach efforts were detailed including mailed postcards and website updates. Our efforts to clarify the specific types of

acceptable plastics were reviewed. Residential cart relabeling planned for August. Commercial & multi-family cart labels and instructional posters are being updated as well. Jeff Belchamber reviewed the MRF upgrades that enabled the sorting of the new plastics. An analysis of the costs of handling the new plastics in light of changing market conditions is underway.

8. Future Agenda Items: UC presentation by Lin King; Mandatory Phase II options; Rate Study Update

9. Adjourn: M/S/C Schultze-Allen/McCarter to adjourn at 9:05 5/0/0