



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Zero Waste Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, September 23, 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 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Kalil, Twu, Wenning, McCarter, Schultze-Allen, Frink, Davis, Halperin

Commissioners absent: None

Staff: Ken Etherington – Zero Waste Division Manager, Andy Schneider – Recycling Program Manager; Guest Speaker – Marva Sheehan of HFH Consulting

Members of the Public: Daniel Maher of Ecology Center; Jeff Belchamber & Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Center; Dan Knapp of Urban Ore; Gregorio Gonzales, Miguel Martinez, Joseph Ayankoya: City Staff; Gladys Grey - SEIU

2. Approve Agenda:

M/S/C Kalil/Schultze-Allen to approve agenda 8/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: The public was asked to introduce themselves for the benefit of our guest speaker.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Ari Frink introduced himself and his interest in waste reduction. Ryan McCarter restated his interests. Schultze-Allen announced his resignation from the City of Emeryville and beginning work as a storm water consultant. Twu presented a useful comparison of local waste collection rates. Davis announced a switch to an outreach focus for her work with the UC, including work on sustainable catering. Kalil reported that she received the Benchmark Fee notice, as well as the City Manager Annual Report, where Zero Waste Division activities were highlighted.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2013:

M/S/C Wenning/Davis to approve the July 22, 2013 minutes as written 8/0/1

6. Rate Structure Consultant Update: Etherington introduced Marva Sheehan from HF&H Consulting, with background on the proposal selection process. A City Council Work Session will be held on December 3rd with a 218 process decision on March 18th. Ms. Sheehan provided a handout explaining the goals of a new rate structure. Many cities are feeling the impact of having rates only tied to refuse volume, and HF&H has experience in creating rate structures that account for the actual cost of providing all services, including diversion and street sweeping programs. A 218 compliant rate structure, which supports the City's commitment to Zero Waste, is the goal of the study.

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. Residential cart relabeling was completed in September with very few problems.

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

9. Adjourn: M/S/C Davis/Schultze-Allen to adjourn at 8:55 5/0/0