



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Zero Waste Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard - 1326 Allston Way
Ratcliff Building, Willow Room

Chair Halperin called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:05 PM

1. Roll Call: Oath of Office administered to Commissioner Mecklai.

Commissioners present: Halperin, Davis, Twu, Mecklai, Schultze-Allen (7:14)

Commissioners absent: McCarter, Wenning (excused), Frink (excused)

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

Members of the Public: Jeff Belchamber of Community Conservation Center; Dan Knapp & Mary Lou Van Deventer of Urban Ore; Nancy Gorrell, Miguel Martinez.

**2. Approve Agenda: Request to move Rate Study Update to #6
M/S/C Davis/Mecklai to approve amended agenda 4/0/0**

3. Comments from the Public: None

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments:

Davis reported that she is still incorporating stakeholder comment into her Honor's thesis.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of Jan 27, 2014:

M/S/C to approve the Jan 27, 2014 minutes as written Twu/Davis 4/0/0

6. Rate Study Update: Etherington reported that staff prepared two options for City Council to consider on February 25. Option A being the full rate increase at one time and option B which phases-in the rate increase over three years. While a phase-in may be easier to accept, it would ultimately cost more in the long run. CPI, average can size, proposed trash can size eliminations and Every-other-week rubbish collection, were all discussed. The Chair asked for clarification on the \$1.00 per parcel monthly fee to support outreach and on-site technical assistance. Improved public information on provided services, itemized bills, and the legality of a base service fee were discussed. Improved design and function of the Transfer Station was discussed as a way to recover more resources and reduce costs. How to best utilize the future fund balance should be planned now.

7. 2014 Commission Officer Election:

Doug Halperin accepted the nomination for Chair. M/S/C: Davis/Twu 5/0/0

Peter Schultze-Allen accepted the nomination for Vice Chair. M/S/C: Halperin/Davis 5/0/0

8. Future Agenda Items: Contractor Quarterly reports (March); 2014 Work Plan, ESA Plan

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