



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Zero Waste Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, June 23, 2014
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard - 1326 Allston Way
Ratcliff Building, Willow Room

Chair Halperin called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call:

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

Commissioners absent: None

Staff: Andy Schneider – Recycling Program Manager; Manuel Hector – Senior Management Analyst

Members of the Public: Daniel Maher of Ecology Center; Jeff Belchamber of CCC; Dan Knapp & Mary Lou Van Deventer of Urban Ore; Nancy Gorrell, Carolyn Dean

Oath of Office administered to Elisabeth Watson and she shared her work with the Library Foundation and her interest in improving services and programs in Berkeley.

2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Wenning to approve agenda 7/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: Daniel Maher announced that Ecology Center is hosting a Plastic Free July series of workshops on reducing plastics use.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Davis reported that she attended the California Higher Education & Sustainability Conference in San Diego where she presented the UC Berkeley Plastics Disclosure Project. Halperin stated that he looks forward to reviewing and commenting on the Zero waste Division Audit Report at the next meeting.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2014: Twu requested that section 4 reflect that enough carts were salvaged to last through the contract. **M/S/C to approve the May 27, 2014 minutes as amended Schultze-Allen/Frink, with Watson abstaining 6/0/1**

6. Sustainable Food Serviceware Ordinance: Schneider provided an overview of the original Council referral to the City Manager and the Commission to research and develop a fully compostable Foodware ordinance. He provided some of the current limitations at compost processors for managing compostable plastics and Polyethylene coated papers. He reported that the Commission has been working on a hybrid ordinance and supporting Commission Report to be reviewed at the July 28th meeting. Various Commissioners then provided their input on additional considerations and options for further reducing the use of single-use foodware items. These ideas included the “Go Box” system for reusable foodware; requiring in-house foodware to be reusable; and considering banning or placing a fee on certain, problematic single-use items.

7. Division Update:

Mandatory Phase II: Schneider provided an update on the preparations for Mandatory Phase II which goes into effect on July 1, 2014. He clarified the actual business and multi-family requirements and reported on some of the StopWaste workshops that have been held to discuss advancing participation in the Multi-family sector. Notification of new compost charges for Multi-family and improved account data was discussed.

8. Future Agenda Items: Foodware Ordinance, ZWD Audit Report review, HF&H presentation on Commercial Franchise study.

9. Adjourn: M/S/C Davis/Watson to adjourn at 9:00 7/0/0