



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Zero Waste Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, Sept. 22, 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, Twu, Davis, Watson, Cowles, Wenning, Sherman, Schultze-Allen (7:35)

Commissioners absent: Frink (excused)

Staff: Andy Schneider – Recycling Program Manager

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

Oath of Office administered to Steve Sherman (7:05).

2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C Wenning/Watson to approve agenda 7/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: Dan Knapp stated his disappointment that Urban Ore was not mentioned in the City's ZWD Audit report. Nancy Gorrell reported that studies show the hole in the ozone layer is actually closing, which she attributed to early focus on banning Styrofoam and other CFC products.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Steve Sherman stated that he works in renewable energy with EBMUD and was a co-author of the 2005 Solid Waste Management Plan for the City of Berkeley.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2014: M/S/C to approve the July 28, 2014 minutes Watson/Davis 7/0/1 (Sherman abstain)

6. Topic Status Update:

- a) **HF&H Commercial Franchise Study:** HF&H are still analyzing options. They will present to the ZWC at our November 24th meeting.
- b) **Foodware Ordinance:** The Foodware Ordinance Commission report was revised with input from the July 28 meeting and is on the Nov 18th Council agenda.
- c) **Solid Waste & Recycling Manager Job Posting:** Job Posting has closed. Job description aligns with zero waste goals. Hiring panel scheduled for Oct 14th. Chair Halperin stated that he had requested to sit on the hiring panel. Sherman stated he had requested as well through his Councilperson. Wenning asked if the ZWC could offer suggested interview questions. Motion to request ZWC involvement on the hiring panel, with Chair Halperin as primary and Sherman as the back-up, and suggested questions being sent through the secretary. **M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Cowles 8/0/0**

- d) **Collection Rate Implementation:** Some customer service issues with implementation of the new rate structure. Recent commercial billing errors. Also, now that residential & commercial accounts are billed at different rates, current Land-use designations are being questioned and adjustments are needed.
- e) **Big Belly Litter Can Referral:** Councilmember referral for staff to consider Big Belly solar compacting litter cans for high volume areas. Potential to reduce pick-up frequencies; alert when full; monitor actual collections. Have a non-compacting recycling option as well.
- f) **Outreach Design Intern:** Funding approved for a part-time intern to help design the ZWD newsletter for all Berkeley addresses. Have two qualified applicants. May also assist in truck sign design as another low cost outreach opportunity.
- g) **CRRA Conference Overview:** California Resource Recovery Association conference was held in San Jose from Aug 4-6. Great networking opportunity. Schultze-Allen gave a great presentation on foodware ordinances, other speakers on same session were Marine Debris & McDonalds sustainability in packaging. Not a lot of sessions related to our focus: Plastics, Composting, and residual management in a Zero Waste setting.
- h) **2014 Event Recap:** ZWD supported 45 events so far in 2014. Our three major events July 4th, Kite Fest and Solano Stroll had greening contractor, as well as City staff for best possible diversion.

7. **Zero Waste Audit Report:** Discussion on the City Auditor's ZWD Report. Audit Report was provided to Council on July 1, 2014. They requested report back on 12/16/14 and every 6 months until complete. The Commission is focused on the recommendations to redefine the Zero Waste Goal and for an updated Strategic Plan. Motion to create a Strategic Plan Subcommittee consisting of Wenning, Watson, Cowles, & Sherman. **M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Wenning 8/0/0**

8. **Future Agenda Items:** Event Ware Washing resolution, ZWD Audit Report review, HF&H presentation on Commercial Franchise study.

9. **Adjourn:** M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Watson to adjourn at 9:00 8/0/0