



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Zero Waste Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, October 27, 2014
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard - 1326 Allston Way
Ratcliff Building, Willow Room

Substitute Chair Wenning called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:07 PM

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Wenning, Twu, Davis, Frink, Cowles, Sherman, Watson (7:11)

Commissioners absent: Schultze-Allen (excused), Halperin (unexcused)

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

Members of the Public: Daniel Maher of Ecology Center, Jeff Belchamber & Sara MacKusick of CCC, Carolyn Dean, Nancy Gorrell, Miriam Gordon & Samantha Summer of Clean Water Fund.

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

3. Comments from the Public: Miriam Gordon of Clean Water Fund shared their agencies goal of reducing street litter by focusing on to-go food packaging. They hope to amend the state health code to allow reusable cups to be used by the public. She stated that they were interested in the Commission’s proposed Foodware Ordinance and how it could reduce single-use food packaging.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Sherman reported on the Marin Carbon Project, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions through compost application. Davis reported on the De-Cal Project. Twu stated that Cal conference attendees still seem to have difficulty with dual-stream recycling collection at campus facilities.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2014: M/S/C to approve the Sept. 22, 2014 minutes Watson/Davis 7/0/0

6. Event Warewashing State Code Amendment: The Commission agreed to wait until Schultze-Allen was available before deciding on this recommendation. **M/S/C to defer item until lead commissioner is available Sherman/Cowles 7/0/0**

7. Strategic Plan Subcommittee: Subcommittee members presented a draft resolution recommending that City Council provide funding for development of a Strategic Plan to meet our Zero Waste Goal. Commissioners discussed and agreed on amendments to resolution. **M/S/C to approve resolution recommending Council provide funding for strategic plan consultant Watson/Frink 7/0/0**

8. Topic Status Update: Schneider reported that many of the issues surrounding our collection rate increase have been identified and are being corrected. The Foodware ordinance recommendation to Council has now been moved to December 16, 2014.

9. Future Agenda Items: HF&H presentation on Commercial Franchise study; Event Warewashing resolution; Commission's role in strategic planning process; revision of City's zero waste definition; consideration of a single-use fee for specific food service items.

10. Adjourn: M/S/C Watson/Davis to adjourn at 8:35 7/0/0