



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Zero Waste Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, June 1, 2015
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard - 1326 Allston Way
Ratcliff Building, Willow Room

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

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Cowles, Wenning, Twu, Halperin, Watson (7:20), Noonan (7:55)

Commissioners absent: None

Staff: Andy Schneider – Recycling Program Manager, Manuel Hector – Acting Zero Waste Division Manager.

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

2. Approve Agenda: Request to reorder agenda by moving items 6 & 7 to the end of the agenda M/S/C Twu/Wenning to approve agenda as amended 4/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: None

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Twu reported that there seems to be less UC move-out debris remaining on the street this year. Halperin reported that he plans to share some information on a Zero Waste to Energy company who has a process for converting waste to fuel.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2015: M/S/C to approve the April 27, 2015 Minutes: Halperin/Twu 4/0/0

6. Division Update on Staffing & Commercial Franchise: Staff gave an update on progress filling vacant ZWD positions, for Zero Waste Workers and Supervisors. Inclusion of the ZWC Chair on the upcoming ZW Division Manager hiring panel was confirmed. Preparations for commercial collection expansion were outlined.

7. ZWC Field Trip Opportunities: Possible field trip to El Cerrito Recycling Center was discussed. The Commission will determine if a first-Wednesday-of-each-month at 3:00 free tour will be possible.

8. CEAC Referral requiring Multi-family Recycling Signage: Chair Cowles gave an overview of the referral from CEAC and the meeting they had with the liaison. The liaison plans to attend the June 22 ZWC meeting to further discuss the proposed ordinance.

9. Facilities Funding Presentation: Mary Lou Van Deventer presented on the CRRRA Recycling Facility Funding Seminar she attended on Feb 25th. She outlined numerous options for funding facility upgrades, including pollution control financing and infrastructure loans. She also provided info on the California Financing Coordinating Committee, who can assist municipalities in navigating the various options. These funding options could be considered for possible improvements, or rebuilding, of our Transfer Station facility.

10. Strategic Plan Subcommittee – Update on Subcommittee Progress: The Strategic Plan Subcommittee's Commission Report requesting the City begin the process of creating a strategic plan is

scheduled for the July 14th Council meeting. Manuel Hector explained that certain operational priorities have to happen first. Members of the Commission reminded staff that creation of a strategic plan is one of their top priorities. The Commission voted to appoint Tara Noonan to the Strategic Plan Subcommittee.
M/S/C Add Noonan to the Strategic Plan Subcommittee – Wenning/Halperin 6/0/0

11. Future Agenda Items: CEAC referral, Commission Work Plan, Commission recruitment, Strategic Planning, Commercial Franchise, Public space recycling.

12. Adjourn: M/S/C Wenning/Halperin to adjourn at 9:00 6/0/0