



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Zero Waste Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, August 24, 2015
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard - 1326 Allston Way
Ratcliff Building, Willow Room

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

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Cowles, Watson, Sutherland

Commissioners absent: Twu, Wenning (both excused); Halperin, Noonan (unexcused)

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

Members of the Public: Daniel Maher of Ecology Center; Dan Knapp Mary Lou Van Deventer of Urban Ore; Steve Sherman; Nancy Gorrell, Carolyn Dean, Sara MacKusick (7:40)

2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C to approve agenda Watson/Sutherland 3/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: None

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Chair Cowles clarified the current Commission vacancies and mentioned the desire to fill them.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2015: M/S/C to approve the June 22, 2015 Minutes: Watson/Sutherland 3/0/0

6. Honoring the Life & Community Service of Chuck Teller: Watson acknowledged the accomplishments of Chuck Teller who recently passed away. She mentioned his efforts to stop waste at its source with the Catalog Choice program.

7. Zero Waste Goal - Review and Assessment Process: Watson presented a Zero Waste Goal process proposal. She stated that it is unlikely that we will meet our current zero waste goal and therefore it should be updated, including policy & program review and public involvement. The desired outcomes would be a new Zero Waste Resolution; Goals that will form the basis of our Strategic Plan; and that the community is aware and engaged in the process. The Zero Waste goal definition process would include reviewing our current goal and looking at other model programs and policies. She outlined the steps needed to support the goal, including policy, outreach & education, staffing & financing.

8. Commission Work Plan: Chair Cowles reviewed the Commission Work Plan, which includes current active items, as well as ideas of possible action items, with some lead Commissioners identified. The Work plan was presented as a working document to keep ideas and actions moving forward.

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

12. Adjourn: M/S/C Sutherland/Watson to adjourn at 9:00 3/0/0