



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Zero Waste Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, October 26, 2015
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard - 1326 Allston Way
Ratcliff Building, Willow Room

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

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Cowles, Twu, Noonan, Sutherland, Wenning, Watson (7:03), Halperin (7:05)

Commissioners absent: None

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

Members of the Public: Dan Knapp & Mary Lou Van Deventer - Urban Ore; Martin Bourque & Daniel Maher-Ecology Center; Jeff Belchamber & Sara MacKusick-CCC; Nancy Gorrell, Carolyn Dean, Emily Morse

2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C to approve agenda Sutherland/Twu 5/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: Dan Knapp gave a review of the new novel based on Berkeley's recycling system. The book is "Wasted" by John Barry.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Chair Cowles stated the importance of filling the vacant commission seats.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of Sept. 28, 2015: M/S/C to approve the Sept. 28, 2015 Minutes: Sutherland/Halperin 7/0/0

6. Council Referral to Climate Action Plan: Transfer Station Rebuild: At the Commission's request, Manuel Hector gave an overview of the recent Council referral to prioritize the rebuild of the City's Transfer Station. A goal of rebuilding is already established in the Climate Action Plan and a feasibility study will be undertaken to assess if this unfunded capital project can be prioritized over other projects also being considered. Discussion followed including some of the studies and plans already in hand; funding options; and environmental compliance. Sutherland agreed to lead the Commission research.

7. Overview of Berkeley Zero Waste Division and Climate Action Plan Goals: Schneider gave an overview of how the Climate Action Plan has guided the programs and policies of the Zero Waste Division. Individual goals that have been accomplished, as well as those that are still under consideration, were discussed.

8. Zero Waste Goal Planning: Examples from other Cities: Watson led a discussion focused on initiatives that other cities are implementing. Various city's goals and actions were provided in a spreadsheet. Additional ideas and a presentation from a regional zero waste consultant were requested.

9. Commission Work Plan: Chair Cowles presented updates to the Commission Work Plan and clarified commission leads on various topics.

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

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