MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 7:06 p.m. with Alfred Twu, Chairperson, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Alfred Twu, Christienne de Tournay, Katie McKinstry, Antoinette Stein,

James Chang (7:28 arrival), Elisabeth Watson, Brazile Clark (7:10 arrival)

LOA:

None

Absent:

None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 11

STAFF PRESENT: 2

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Approval of May 22, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda

M/S/C (de Tournay/Watson) to approve the agenda for the May 22, 2017 regular meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Chang, Clark

2. Approval of Minutes from the April 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

M/S/C (Watson/Stein) to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2017 regular meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Chang

3. Action on Recommendation of Letters of Support for the Following Proposed California Legislation:

- o SB 705: Ocean Pollution Reduction Act
- o AB 1219: California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act
- AB 954: The Food Waste Reduction and Date Labeling Act of 2017
- AB 509: Tire Recycling Incentive Program
- Bottle Bill Fix Proposal

Nick Lapis, representing Californians Against Waste, presented to the Commission regarding proposed zero waste legislation supported by Californians

Against Waste. Nick Lapis asked for letters of support from the City of Berkeley for SB705, AB1219, AB954, AB509, addressed to the authors of the bills, and a letter of support for the proposed Bottle Bill Fix in the state budget, addressed to the Assembly Budget Committee. Chrise de Tourney volunteered to write the associated Council reports.

M/S/C (de Tourney/Stein) to approve the recommendation to City Council to send letters of support for the proposed California legislation promoting zero waste.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: None

4. Presentation by Berkeley Food Network Executive Director Sara Webber Sara Webber presented to the Commission on the topic of food recovery programs. The Berkeley Food Network is proposing a central distribution hub for managing and distributing recovered food to help fill identified gaps in feeding the food insecure. No formal action was taken at this time, but the identification of a city facility, or other location to use as a central hub, was discussed for possible future consideration.

5. Action on Election of Vice Chair

M/S/C (Chang/Watson) to approve the re-election of Vice Chair Chrise de Tourney.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57p.m.

M/S/C (Watson/de Tourney)

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None, Absent: None

The next meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on June 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Heidi Obermeit, Secretary