

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 7:02 p.m. with Alfred Twu, Chairperson, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alfred Twu, Christienne de Tournay, Katie McKinstry, Antoinette Stein, James Chang, Elisabeth Watson (7:05 arrival), Brazile Clark (7:12 arrival)

LOA: None

Absent: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 7

STAFF PRESENT: 2

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. **Approval of June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda**
M/S/C (de Tournay/Stein) to approve the agenda for the June 26, 2017 regular meeting.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Watson, Clark
2. **Approval of Minutes from the May 22, 2017 Regular Meeting**
M/S/C (Watson/Stein) to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2017 regular meeting.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Chang
3. **Presentation by Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director of the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC).**
 - Heidi Sanborn presented to the Commission about CPSC's Extended Producer Responsibility programs.
 - Sanborn discussed the waste-related impacts of increased online shopping on popular sites like Amazon and Blue Apron. Recycling facilities have seen a significant increase in cardboard boxes and plastic packaging in the waste stream. Disposable ice packs are a problematic

product. CPSC has found that targeting specific companies is a successful approach in regards to producer responsibility.

- Sanborn mentioned that Belgium is an example of successful EPR policies that place responsibility on manufacturers.
- One of CPSC's current programs is the promotion of refillable propane cylinders. 40 million disposable propane cylinders are disposed of each year in North America; an estimated 4 million are disposed of in California annually. Empty cylinders are often disposed of improperly in landfills, dumpsters, household trash, campsites, on the roadside, or in recycling containers. Proper recycling is costly.
- RefuelYourFun.org lists locations for refilling reusable propane cylinders.
- CPSC led support for paint stewardship and approval of AB1343, California's Paint Stewardship Program. PaintCare now has 800+ collection sites in California, and is considered an example of a successful EPR program.
- Sanborn briefly discussed support for AB1158, legislation regarding Extended Producer Responsibility for carpeting.
- Sanborn mentioned support for SB102 California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. She discussed that it is not perfect, but is good enough.
- CPSC's current Don't Rush to Flush campaign is focused on proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. 10%-33% of prescribed medicines are not consumed. Consumers traditionally have only had the option of trashing, flushing, or storing medications, impacting water quality and public health.
- More information at: Don'tRushtoFlush.org
- In 2012, Alameda County adopted the Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance. This Ordinance is based on a program in British Columbia which holds pharmaceutical companies responsible for the safe collection and disposal of unused medications. It is considered a huge success because drug companies fund the free kiosks for medication and sharps disposal.
- Berkeley is not currently opted in to this program because we have our own Health Department.
- No formal action was taken by the Commission, but Heidi Sanborn will follow up with Bill Pollock, who can guide the commission through the process of opting in to the Alameda County Safe Meds Program.
- Sanborn recommended showing support by liking and linking to CPSC's Facebook page and website.
- Sanborn also thanked the City of Berkeley for the 2013 EPR resolution that provided financial support to the CPSC.

4. Action to Create a Foodware Subcommittee to review the referral from City Council re: A Ban on the Use of Plastic Straws in Berkeley

M/S/C (Twu/Stein) to approve the creation of a Foodware Subcommittee to focus on this referral and discuss reduction of single-use disposables in general.

Discussion centered around whether it makes sense to focus specifically on straws, especially because there is momentum/buzz around straws right now, or to recommend a more comprehensive approach to reducing single-use disposables. Watson and de Tournay both voiced support for a comprehensive approach. It was mentioned that businesses should be engaged early in the process.

The following topics were requested as agenda items for the subcommittee meeting:

- Review referral from City Council re: A Ban on the Use of Plastic Straws in Berkeley.
- Determine the questions that need to be answered to enable the Subcommittee to provide recommendations regarding plastic straws/single-use disposables to the Zero Waste Commission.
- Discuss the viability of bioplastics in the compost program.
- Discuss strategies for information gathering/outreach to businesses.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Watson

Meeting was extended by 10 minutes.

M/S/C (Clark/Chang)

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: None

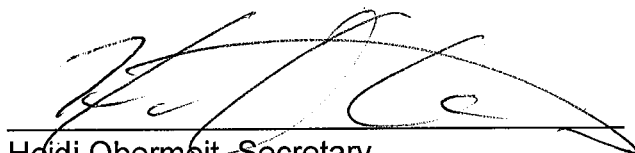
Meeting was adjourned at 9:10p.m.

M/S/C (de Tournay/Clark)

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Watson (left the meeting at 9pm)

The next meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on July 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:



Heidi Obermeit, Secretary