

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 7:03 p.m. with Alfred Twu, Chairperson, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alfred Twu, Christienne de Tournay, Alex Sharenko, Katie McKinstry, Antoinette Stein (7:10 arrival), James Chang, Elisabeth Watson

LOA: Brazile Clark

Absent: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 7

STAFF PRESENT: 1

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Approval of July 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda

M/S/C (Watson/de Tournay) to approve the agenda for the July 24, 2017 regular meeting.

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

2. Approval of the June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Watson/de Tournay) to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2017 regular meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Brazil

3. Presentation by Bill Pollock, Alameda County HHW Program Manager

- Bill Pollock provided an update on the Alameda County Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance. The Ordinance requires the pharmaceutical industry to pay for the proper collection and disposal of medication, shifting the burden away from local government/tax payers. Pharma took appeal to Federal Court; they lost. The Supreme Court declined to hear their case.
- Prior to 2014, disposal infrastructure was poorly distributed and some sites were not compliant with DEA Regulations.
- Siting collection kiosks is a current challenge. Minimal pharmacy staff time is required to manage the program, but space to locate the kiosk can be a barrier.

- A member of the public commented that people are composting their medication. This is NOT an acceptable method of disposal! DO NOT dispose of any medication in the compost program.
- Concern was raised from a member of the public regarding incineration of medication. Incineration and flushing are the only two methods of disposal allowed per DEA regulations. Flushing contaminates our waterways.
- The City of Berkeley is not currently included in the program because the City has its own Health Department. Alameda County's legal team is reviewing this issue to determine if/how the City can be included.
- No action was taken by the Commission at this time. Bill Pollock will provide an update when/if the Commission can be of assistance in the process.

4. Presentation by Samantha Sommer, Clean Water Action Waste Reduction Program Manager

- Samantha Sommer provided an overview of Clean Water Action's ReThink Disposable program to reduce the use of single-use disposables (SUDs).
- 67% of street litter is food and beverage packaging. Reducing the use of SUDs would significantly reduce litter, stormwater contamination, and landfill disposal.
- The focus of her presentation was on business outreach methods and success stories. Businesses start to see savings within a few months of switching from disposable to reusable food ware. Businesses save thousands of dollars/year.
- Samantha was asked if water use increases when using reusables. A study conducted by Starbucks showed that water use actually decreases by 64%.
- Case studies are posted on the City's Zero Waste Commission Webpage.
- To learn more: <http://www.cleanwater.org/campaign/rethink-disposable>

5. Extended Producer Responsibility Recommendation to Council

The Commission declined to take any action on this item; the version approved by the Zero Waste Commission on 1.23.17 will be submitted to City Council as is.

6. Action to Approve Zero Waste Strategic Plan Recommendation to Council

M/S/C (Watson/Chang) to approve the final version of the Zero Waste Strategic Plan recommendation to Council with two minor changes:

1. Fiscal Impacts: the word "appropriated" was substituted for "allocated".
2. Background: per recommendation from Steve Sherman, the comma was removed from the fifth bullet so that it reads "...stimulating local reuse and recycling economic development" rather than "stimulating local reuse and recycling, economic development." The intent of the original authors was to point out that Public Works currently bears responsibility for functions that may be beyond its core areas of expertise, a topic which can and should be explored and rectified in a strategic plan.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Clark

7. Action to Approve Letter of Support for City of Berkeley Commercial Service Expansion to City Council

M/S/C (Stein/Watson) to approve the letter of support for the City of Berkeley Commercial Service Expansion to City Council with one addition:

1. Rationale for Recommendation: The Commercial Service Expansion will improve the City's ability to monitor and manage recycling.

Ayes: Twu, de Tournay, Sharenko, McKinstry, Stein, Chang;
Noes: Watson; Abstain: None; Absent: Clark

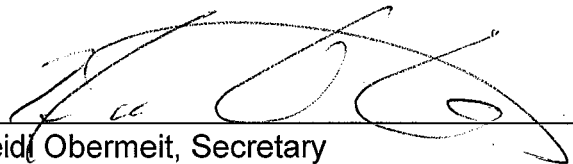
Meeting was adjourned at 9:01p.m.

M/S/C (Watson/Sharenko)

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Clark

The next meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on September 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:



Heidi Obermeit, Secretary