



Zero Waste Commission Regular Meeting

Monday, November 25, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room)
1326 Allston Way, Berkeley

Meeting Agenda

PRELIMINARY MATTERS (30 Minutes):

- 7:00 p.m. Call to Order
Chair will call the meeting to order; Secretary will call roll.
- Christienne de Tournay (Chair)**, appointed by CM Sophie Hahn, District 5
Alfred Twu (Vice Chair), appointed by former CM Kriss Worthington, District 7
Annette Poliwka, appointed by Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Ilana Golin, appointed by CM Rashi Kesarwani, District 1
Marilyn McCartney, appointed by CM Cheryl Davila, District 2
Antoinette Stein, appointed by CM Ben Bartlett, District 3
Margo Schueler, appointed by CM Kate Harrison, District 4
Jennifer Lombardi, appointed by CM Susan Wengraf, District 6
David Grubb, appointed by CM Lori Droste, District 8
- 7:05 p.m. Approve Meeting Agenda
- 7:10 p.m. Public Comment
Speakers are generally allotted up to three minutes. Speakers may be allotted less time at the discretion of the Chair.
- 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Announcements
Commissioners may make general announcements; no action will be taken.
- 7:25 p.m. Approval of Minutes: October 28, 2019 Regular Meeting*

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS (90 minutes):

- 7:30 p.m. 1. Staff Updates:
- Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station Feasibility Study
 - Single Use Foodware & Litter Reduction Ordinance Implementation
- 7:35 p.m. **2. ACTION ITEM:** Action to approve the Zero Waste Commission Meeting Schedule for 2020*
- 7:40 p.m. 3. Measure T1- Update on Phase 1 and Information on Phase 2 Public Process**
– Staff Presentation by Sean O’Shea
- 8:05 p.m. 4. Zero Waste Division 2018 Budget Overview
– Staff Presentation by Keith Morin
- 8:25 p.m. 5. Zero Waste Division 2018 Metrics
– Staff Presentation by Heidi Obermeit


- 8:45 p.m. 6. **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to approve the creation of a Design Guidelines for New Construction Subcommittee
- 8:50 p.m. 7. **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to support AB1080/SB54 if amended and reintroduced in the state legislature with the recommendation to remove references to extended producer responsibility for single-use packaging
- 8:55 p.m. 8. Discuss future agenda items
- 9:00 p.m. 9. Action to adjourn the meeting

COMMUNICATIONS:

Documents/letters are included as attachments in the agenda packet. Links to online information are included below; printed hard copies of linked items are available at the meeting or upon request.

- Meeting notes submitted by Alfred Twu summarizing the highlights from the July 22, September 23, and October 28, 2019 Zero Waste Commission meetings*
- Links to informational articles/webinars/documents forwarded by staff**
 - Berkeleyside article about Recycling:
<https://www.berkeleyside.com/2019/11/13/confused-about-recycling-in-berkeley-we-answer-your-top-10-questions>
 - Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station Feasibility Study Presentation to Council and Council Report posted to Commission website:
https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions_Zero_Waste_Commission_Homepage.aspx

*Indicates material included in the agenda packet
 ** Indicates material to be available at the meeting

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Zero Waste Commission Secretary: Heidi Obermeit, Recycling Program Manager, 1201 2nd St. Berkeley, CA 94710, 510-981-6357, hobermeit@cityofberkeley.info

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. with Alfred Twu, Vice Chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alfred Twu, Antoinette Stein (7:12 arrival), Ilana Golin, Marilyn McCartney, Annette Poliwka, Margo Schueler, Jennifer Lombardi, David Grubb
LOA: Chrise de Tournay
Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Apa, Heidi Obermeit

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 13

PUBLIC COMMENT: 5

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Approval of the October 28, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda

M/S/C (Poliwka/Schueler) to approve the agenda for the October 28, 2019 regular meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: de Tournay, Stein, Golin

2. Approval of the September 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Lombardi/Stein) to approve the September 23, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes: Twu, Stein, Golin, Poliwka, Lombardi, Grubb;

Abstain: Schueler, McCartney; Absent: de Tournay

3. Approval to Submit a “Skip the Slip” Proposal for a GSPP Analysis Project

M/SC/ (Stein/Poliwka) to approve the submittal of a “Skip the Slip” Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) Analysis Project Proposal to help the Zero Waste Commission determine the following:

1. Do paper receipts pose significant enough environmental concerns to warrant a policy intervention by the City of Berkeley?

2. Would a “Skip the Slip” policy be a viable option for the City of Berkeley?

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: de Tournay

4. Approval to Extend the Meeting by Five Minutes

M/S/C (Twu/Golin) to extend the meeting by five minutes.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: de Tournay

5. Adjournment at 9:05 p.m.

M/S/C (Poliwka/Lombardi) to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: de Tournay

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Bldg, Willow Rm), 1326 Allston Way.

Respectfully Submitted:

Heidi Obermeit, Secretary

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2020 Commission Meeting Dates

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| Month | Meeting Day and Date | Time |
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| January 2020 | Monday 1/27/20 | 7:00 pm |
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| February 2020 | Monday 2/24/20 | 7:00 pm |
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| March 2020 | Monday 3/23/20 | 7:00 pm |
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| April 2020 | Monday 4/27/20 | 7:00 pm |
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| May 2020 | TUESDAY 5/26/20 | 7:00 pm |
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| June 2020 | Monday 6/22/20 | 7:00 pm |
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| Month | Meeting Day and Date | Time |
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| July 2020 | Monday 7/27/20 | 7:00 pm |
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| August 2020 | NO MEETING | |
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| September 2020 | Monday 9/28/20 | 7:00 pm |
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| October 2020 | Monday 10/26/20 | 7:00 pm |
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| November 2020 | Monday 11/23/20 | 7:00 pm |
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| December 2020 | NO MEETING | |
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Highlights of July, September and October 2019 Meetings from Alfred Twu

Telegraph Ave reusable cup program - Vessel

- 9 month pilot project started Sept 18
- 10 businesses to participate, incl. Caffe Strada and a couple on campus locations.
- Requires app to use. No cost to customer unless container not returned (\$15 charge if not returned). Businesses charged 20 cents per use.
- 2000 stainless steel cups with reusable lids have been ordered.

Rate Study

- Consultants will be back with updated proposal in Spring 2020 for Council approval. Commissioners and members of public expressed support that recycling was going to have a service charge for commercial customers - could encourage reusables

Mattress Recycling

- State funded mattress recycling now in operation. Residents can drop off 2 mattresses for free.

Carpet Recycling

- Soft launch underway. Contractors can now drop off carpet separately. The carpet must be separated from the backing. It is recycled into nylon fibers.

Presentation from Urban Ore

- Business is steady but labor costs are up
- They salvaged 823 tons of stuff from the transfer station floor last year, saving the city \$86,000 in disposal fees.
- From 2002 to 2012, the City paid them a per-ton fee for materials salvaged. They're asking for these fees to be restored (approx \$30,000 a year)

Presentation from Berkeley Recycling / CCC

- Material prices continue drop as recycling markets remain scarce.
- The new contract, where city pays CCC a processing fee, has helped them maintain financial stability, fix equipment, and repave the site to reduce stormwater pollution.
- The picture of you at the sort line was featured in the slideshow
- Volume of materials mostly goes up and down with the economy, and went down slightly from 2017 to 2018.

Presentation from Ecology Center

- Recycling markets want cleaner materials, so EC is now focusing on customer education
- They putout "Curb alert" door-hanger style tags on carts if there's too much contamination. After getting tagged twice, 3rd time a customer has contaminated bin they don't pick up, so customer has to