

## MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 7:01 p.m. with Chrise de Tournay, Chair, presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Chrise de Tournay, Annette Poliwka, Steven Sherman, Rachel Doughty, Antoinette Stein, Margo Schueler (7:06pm arrival, 8:50pm departure), Sandra Curtis, Nicole Ulakovic,  
LOA: David Grubb  
Absent: None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Heidi Obermeit

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:** 14

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items):** 5

### ACTION MINUTES:

- 1. Approval of the July 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda**  
M/S/C (Poliwka/Curtis) to approve the agenda for the July 26, 2021 regular meeting.  
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb
- 2. Approval of the June 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes**  
M/S/C (de Tournay/Doughty) to approve the June 28, 2021 regular meeting minutes.  
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Grubb
- 3. Recycling Markets Update**  
Discussion only; no action taken.  
Public comment: 4
- 4. Discuss Ecology Center and Community Conservation Centers New Contracts Effective July 1, 2021**  
Discussion only; no action taken.  
Public comment: 1
- 5. Discuss SB1383 County Ordinance and City of Berkeley Opt-In Ordinance and Possible Action to Create a SB1383 Subcommittee**  
Discussion only; no action taken.  
Public comments: 2
- 6. Motion to Extend Meeting by 15 minutes**  
M/S/C (de Tournay/Doughty) to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.  
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb

**7. Discuss Commission Restructuring and Possible Action to Make Recommendations to Council**

Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Sherman) to make the following recommendations to Council:

- Recommendation 1: we recommend that the commission's structure remain intact, with an updated charter that reflects historic goals, and both current and future developments in Berkeley's zero waste programs, facilities, services, policies, and state- and county-imposed mandates.
- Recommendation 2: we do not recommend taking the unprecedented step to inefficiently divide and subsume the Zero Waste Commission's purview into two separate advisory bodies, as zero waste by nature is achieved through a comprehensive, holistic, and systemic approach.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb  
Public Comment: 5

**8. Motion to Extend Meeting by 15 minutes**

M/S/C (de Tournay/Poliwka) to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schuler, Grubb

**9. Discuss Future Agenda Items:**

- SB1383 County Ordinance and Possible Action to Support City of Berkeley Opt-In Ordinance
- Commission Reorganization
- Commission Guidelines
- Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance Implementation

**10. Adjournment at 9:30 p.m.**

M/S/C (de Tournay/Ulakovic) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schuler, Grubb

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by virtual videoconference/teleconference. The link to access the virtual meeting will be posted to the Community Calendar: [www.cityofberkeley.info/communitycalendar/](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/communitycalendar/)

Respectfully Submitted:



Heidi Obermeit, Secretary