

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 5:34 pm with Steve Sherman presiding as Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: Philip Monrad, Steven Sherman, Claire Wilson, Dennis Uyat, Lucy Longwell

LOA:

Absent: Sandra Curtis, Layla Dargahi, Barun Singh

STAFF PRESENT: Julia A. Heath, Johnny de Lara

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 3

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 2

Information Items:

- Contact for Audrey Williams, Food Sourcing Coordinator at Berkeley Food Network:
510-214-2385
audrey.williams@berkeleyfoodnetwork.org

ACTION MINUTES:

- **Approval of the July 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda**
Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Monrad) to approve the June 17, 2026 meeting agenda.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Curtis, Dargahi, Singh
- **Approval of the June 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Claire) to approve the May 20, 2026 meeting minutes.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Curtis, Dargahi, Singh
- **Public Comment**
2 public comment. No Action Taken.
 - Add a publicly available transcript for ZWC
 - Add a publicly available recording of the ZWC via zoom webinar
- **Staff Updates**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
 - Truck Banner campaign is live
 - Digital spot on Cal Move-In
 - Electric Annual Report
- **Commission Workplan progress check**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
 - Proposal for the commissioners to each have a meeting with their council members within the next 3 months
 - Tie-in the tool-lending library through reuse initiatives

- Add a “short-term, long-term” goals table to the agenda packet

Public Comment: 0

- **Presentation from Katie Greenwald, Berkeley Food Network Senior Development Manager**

Discussion only. No Action Taken

- BFN opened first food pantry in 2019
- Collects food for the Berkeley region and is the city’s sole food-distribution center
- Seeking more Warehouse Wrap-Up and Driver volunteers
- BFN has recovered 3 million pounds of food
- Berkeley Bowl is a quality partner
- #1 constraint: BFN doesn’t have large enough refrigerators to store all the food

Public Comment: 0

- **Create the following subcommittees: Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction SUDs, Food Recovery**

Action Taken: M/S/C (Wilson/Monrad) to create the Single Use Disposables Subcommittee.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Curtis, Dargahi, Singh

Action Taken: M/S/C (Uyat/Monrad) to create the Food Recovery Subcommittee.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Curtis, Dargahi, Singh

Public Comment: 2

- Suggestion to name the SUDs Subcommittee after the full name of the ordinance

- **Discuss Goals for tabling/increasing Commission visibility**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

- Compile edits to send to Commissioner Wilson for wordsmithing

Public Comment: 0

- **Subcommittee Updates**

a) **Special Events Subcommittee**

b) **Lease Language Subcommittee**

c) **Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction SUDs Subcommittee**

d) **Food Recovery**

- Work on community fridges/expanding food recovery organizations’ capacities

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 0

- **Commissioner Announcements**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

- SB343 is not constituted
- Mention reuse within the food industry to Upstream Board

Public Comment: 0

- **Discuss Future Agenda Items**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

- Request to bring Crystal and Roseann from Upstream for a presentation in September

Public Comment: 0

- **Adjournment at 5:30 p.m.**

M/S/C (Uyat/Monrad) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Curtis, Dargahi, Singh

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in person at City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room) 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley.

Respectfully Submitted

Julia A. Heath, Secretary