

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 5:32pm with Steven Sherman presiding as Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: Philip Monrad, Steven Sherman, Claire Wilson, Sandra Curtis, Barun Singh, Dennis Uyat, Lucy Longwell

LOA:

Absent: Layla Dargahi

STAFF PRESENT: Julia A. Heath, Johnny de Lara

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 7

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 3

ACTION MINUTES:

- **Approval of the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda**
Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Curtis) to approve the April 15, 2026 meeting agenda. Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Layla Dargahi
 - Changed item 3 (Zero Waste Strategic Plan initiatives) to a discussion only item.
- **Approval of the March 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Curtis) to approve the March 18, 2026 meeting minutes. Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Layla Dargahi
- **Public Comment**
3 public comment. No Action Taken.
 - Marylou from Urban Ore offers to give a presentation on Urban Ore and its history in the next meeting.
 - Ecology Center Earth Day members meeting!
 - UC Berkeley student group from the Fung Fellowship submits recommendations on reducing contamination and promoting sustainability with local businesses.
- **Staff Updates**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
- **Claire Wilson- discussion and update on CARB laws**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
Public Comment: 1
 - Request that Claire's presentation be added to the Commission webpage for public view.

- **Vote on the adoption of the finalized Zero Waste Commission Work Plan for Fiscal Year 26-27**

Action Taken: M/S/C (Singh/Wilson) to adopt the finalized Zero Waste Commission Work Plan for FY 26-27

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Layla Dargahi

Public Comment: 2

- Recommendation to focus on existing draft ordinances the Commission and staff are already pushing.
- Recommendation to focus on Transfer Station Rebuild

- **Discuss which initiatives from the Executive Summary of the Zero Waste Strategic Plan the Zero Waste Commission will focus on**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

- Each commissioner will go through the Executive Summary and star initiatives they want to work on. In the next meeting the commission will narrow down these initiatives to discuss forming working subgroups and/or subcommittees focused on the chosen initiatives.

Public Comment: 2

- **Reminder that community members can be involved in subcommittees.**
- **Swasti working on relevant Stormwater initiatives, potential collaboration.**

- **Vote to request that City Council direct the Zero Waste Commission to review and recommend changes to any draft competitive solicitations for any materials managed by the City of Berkeley, e.g. recycling, compost, refuse, reuse, salvage, household hazardous waste, etc. and/or processing services, and any draft rate adjustments for consistency with the City's zero waste goals, services, and policies**

Action Taken: M/S/C (Singh/Curtis) to request that City Council direct the Zero Waste Commission to review and recommend changes to any draft competitive solicitations for any materials managed by the City of Berkeley, e.g. recycling, compost, refuse, reuse, salvage, household hazardous waste, etc. and/or processing services, and any draft rate adjustments for consistency with the City's zero waste goals, services, and policies.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Layla Dargahi

Public Comment: 3

- Wordsmithing suggestions
- Swasti: the Planning Department will draft ordinances amongst staff and have them pre-approved to go to council before bringing them to their commission for comment/suggestions.
- Reminder that "zero waste" is a goal.

- **Discuss Zero Waste Fund Forecast, per 2025-2026 Adopted Budget and any updated data from the City**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 0

- **Vote to disband the Green Building Subcommittee**

Action Taken: M/S/C (Curtis/Singh) disband the Green Building Subcommittee

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: Dennis Uyat None; Absent: Layla Dargahi

Public Comment: 1

- Potential to re-activate.

- **Subcommittee Updates**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 0

Special Events Subcommittee

- Igor Tregub trying to rationalize the permitting process.

Lease Language Subcommittee

- Recruited community member Lidia to the subcommittee.
- In conversation with the Rent Board about lease language work.

- **Discuss Future Agenda Items**

Public Comment: 0

- Standing item: Commission Workplan progress check
- Marylou – Presentation on the history of Urban ore
- Discuss which initiatives from the Zero Waste Strategic Plan Executive Summary commissioners will work on
- Keith and Leticia – City staff presentation on Zero Waste fund forecast and budget
- Transfer Station Rebuild 1-pager

- **Commissioner Announcements**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

- SF Climate Week
- SWANA
- Zero Waste Youth USA
- Investor Forum

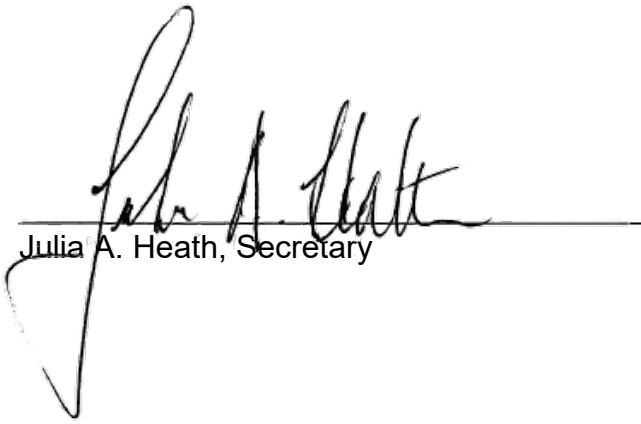
- **Adjournment at 7:35 p.m.**

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

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Layla Dargahi

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in person at City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room) 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia A. Heath". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line. A large, stylized flourish extends downwards from the left side of the signature.

Julia A. Heath, Secretary