

## **ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**04/11/2012**



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes  
11 April, 2012

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 11 April, 2012 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

Chair Gerry Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Gerry Acuna, Rick Cofer, Fayez Kazi, Brent Perdue, Cathy Gattuso, and James Nortey

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Roshanda Smiley, Sue Cooper, Jessica Edwards, Phil Tindall, Ron Romero, Keith Murray, Jessica King, Richard McHale, Donald Hardee, Vidal Maldonado, Blanche Quarterman, Amy Slagle, Andy Dawson, Ourana Cacho, and Gretchen Kingham

### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Four citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

- a. Brandi Clark Burton, Austin Eco Network, spoke against a city pilot that encourages disposing food waste down the drain.
- b. Mark McKim, Austin Zero Waste Alliance, spoke against a city pilot that encourages disposing food waste down the drain.
- c. Andrew Dobbs, Tx Campaign for the Environment, spoke against a city pilot that encourages disposing food waste down the drain.
- d. Patrick Van Haren, Microbial Earth and Austin Zero Waste Alliance, spoke against a city pilot that encourages disposing food waste down the drain.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the regular meeting of 02/08/12 were approved on a Commissioner James Nortey motion, Commissioner Brent Perdue second on a 5-0-0 vote, Commissioner Cathy Gattuso abstained. Commissioner Jeff Paine was absent.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. ZWAC Subcommittee Member Assignment**

Commissioners Cathy Gattuso and James Nortey volunteered for both the Hauler and Universal Recycling subcommittees.

#### **b. Food Waste Collection Options Presentation**

Item 3b was postponed until the May 9, 2012 ZWAC meeting.

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Haulers Ordinance Update**

Commissioner Brent Perdue signed in to recuse himself.

Director Bob Gedert provided ZWAC with an update on the Hauler Ordinance. One more stakeholder will be held before the ordinance is voted on by ZWAC and presented to City

Council. Director Gedert is working with Law to finalize the ordinance. The ordinance is planned to go before Council on May 24, 2012.

Rule writing process will begin once the ordinance has been adopted. Stakeholders will be invited to participate in the process.

**b. Forecast and Cost Efficiency Presentation**

Director Bob Gedert presented on the Fiscal Year forecast and cost efficiencies.

**5. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**a. Discussion - Director's Report**

Big Belly Update, Single-Use-Bag Update, Earth Month Events, Construction and Demolition Debris Ordinance Update, Budget, Council Items, Staff, Job Postings, Master Plan Implementation Update Performances Measures, and Statistical Reports

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

May: Hauler Ordinance, Food Waste Disposal, Cost Efficiency Study, Budget, Clean Community Fee, Single-Use bag Update,

June: Brownsfield Presentation, Colorado Study

August: 9 Zones Report

Fall 2012: Construction and Demolition Update

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. without objection.