

**ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION (ZWAC) – UNIVERSAL RECYCLING
ORDINANCE (URO) PHASE 2 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 08/13/2013**



Zero Waste Advisory Commission – Universal Recycling Ordinance (URO) Phase 2 Committee

**Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2013**

The ZWAC URO Phase 2 Committee convened in a meeting on August 13, 2013, at 301 West 2nd Street; City Hall, Room 1029 in Austin, Texas.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Cathy Gattuso, Rick Cofer, and Dave Sullivan

Staff in Attendance:

Gena McKinley (ARR), Aiden Cohen (ARR), Woody Raine (ARR), Dee Dee Quinnelly (ARR), Jason McCombs (ARR), Amanda Rohlich (ARR), Richard McHale (ARR), Marcel Elizondo (Health Department), Paul Tomasovic (Code Compliance)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Committee Chair Cathy Gattuso called the Committee Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- b. Committee Chair Cathy Gattuso facilitated introductions of Committee Members, City of Austin Staff, and meeting attendees.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION GENERAL:

Zero (0) citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The June 13, 2013, minutes of the URO Phase 2 Committee meeting were approved on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Committee Chair Cathy Gattuso second on a 2-0-0 vote. Commissioner Rick Cofer was absent at the time of the vote.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

- a. Staff Presentation – Universal Recycling Ordinance Phase 2 Administrative Rules Amendment Process Stakeholder Meetings to Date
 - i. Presentation: www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/97_1.htm
Dee Dee Quinnelly, Austin Resource Recovery Senior Planner, briefed the Committee on the URO Phase 2 Amendment process to date.
 - ii. Three (3) citizens spoke on this agenda item:
 - Cis Myers, Myers Consulting, spoke of concerns about URO coordination with the East Riverside Corridor Regulating Plan and of concerns about the property owner being the responsible party for citation in lieu of the property manager. Ms. Myers recommended the Administrative Rules be kept flexible and simple.
 - Skeeter Miller, County Line, spoke of concerns for ensuring infrastructure and a competitive market are in place when composting requirements come into place in 2016.

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- Eric Goff, East Side Compost Pedallers, provided feedback and recommendation on Administrative Rules sections: 8.2, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10, 8.11, 8.12, 8.15, and composting.
- b. Staff Presentation – Universal Recycling Ordinance Enforcement
- i. Presentation: www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/97_1.htm
Aiden Cohen, Austin Resource Recovery Environmental Conservation Program Manager, briefed the Committee on the URO Enforcement process to date.
 - ii. Four (4) citizens spoke on this agenda item:
 - Stacy Guidry, Texas Zero Waste Strategies, provided feedback and recommendations on Administrative Rules sections 8.6 and expressed several concerns:
 - the twelve month implementation period (8.15.3) allowing affected properties to delay implementation for an additional year
 - conflicting terminology: the Austin Resource Recovery Master Plan, states 2040 as the goal year for Zero Waste and the Department Director states 2030 as the goal date
 - lack of budget for URO enforcement
 - the February 1 due date for Recycle Plan Form
 - Cis Myers, Myers Consulting, spoke of concerns with the Property Owner being the responsible party.
 - Andy Andrasi, Balcones Recycling, asked ARR staff how the Rules amendment process would work.
 - Eric Goff, East Side Compost Pedallers, recommended that legal staff be at stakeholder meetings focused on drafting language for the Administrative Rules.
 - Commissioner Sullivan recommended that ‘or business facilitator’ be added to the Applicable Parties section of the Administrative Rules.
- c. Staff Presentation – Staff Briefing and Discussion on Mobile Food Vendor Recycling and Composting
- i. Presentation: www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/97_1.htm
Aiden Cohen, Austin Resource Recovery Environmental Conservation Program Manager, briefed the Committee on Mobile Food Vendors.
 - ii. Two (2) citizens spoke on this agenda item:
 - Paul Tomasovic, City of Austin – Code Compliance Department, stated the goal of Code Enforcement is to keep mobile food vendors operating as self-contained mobile units. Each mobile food vendor unit contracts for disposal service individually. Mobile food vendors can be cited if a complaint is filed.
 - Marcel Elizondo, City of Austin – Health Department, stated the all mobile vendors are evaluated equally with the way the current code is written. The portable restrooms on mobile food vendor sites are currently allowed by Council for the betterment of public health. Portland, Oregon has mobile food vendor rules in place.
 - Commissioner Sullivan suggested that mobile food vending could be addressed in the LDC re-write and that new terminology around mobile food vending is needed.
5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
- a. Briefing on URO Phase 2 Administrative Rules Amendment Stakeholder Meetings #5 through #8.

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6. ADJOURNMENT:

Committee Chair Cathy Gattuso called the meeting to a close by asking staff to announce the next scheduled URO Phase 2 Committee Meeting details: November 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., City Hall, Room1029. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. without objection.