

ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 5/8/2013



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2013

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on May 8, 2013 at 301 West 2nd Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

Chair Rick Cofer called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Rick Cofer, Cathy Gattuso, Jeff Paine, Brent Perdue, and Dave Sullivan.

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Richard McHale, Annette Moreno, Cherylin Wadley, Sue Cooper, Jessica Edwards, Donald Hardee, Vera Labriola, Ron Romero, Phil Tindall, Nancy Chan, Ron Romero, Chad Presley, Donald Hardee, Tammie Williamson, Gena McKinley, Emlea Chanslor, and Ourana Cacho.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

2 citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

- Mr. Scott Johnson spoke about the anticipated Special Events Ordinance and event recycling rebate. Mr. Johnson suggested that staff develop a video about how to recycle right.
- Mr. Andrew Dobbs, Texas Campaign for the Environment, commented about amounts of trash and recyclables in the South Congress area during a recent event.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of April 10, 2013 were approved on a Commissioner Dave Sullivan motion, Commissioner Brent Perdue second on a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Cathy Gattuso abstained from the vote. Commissioners Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez and Faye Kazi were absent.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation—Special Events Ordinance Update

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Mr. Gordon Derr, Austin Transportation Department Assistant Director, presented updates on the anticipated Special Events Ordinance and answered Commissioners' questions. Gena McKinley and Annette Moreno answered questions about recycling rebates for events and issues related to diversion at large events.

b. Discussion and Action – Austin Resource Recovery Advertising Expenditures

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Phil Tindall, Austin Resource Recovery, presented the proposal to authorize recurring expenditures necessary to conduct routine City of Austin business with multiple agencies and vendors in separate amounts not to exceed \$155,000. Phil Tindall and Gena McKinley, Austin Resource Recovery, answered Commissioners' questions.

The proposal was approved on a Commissioner Brent Perdue motion, Commissioner Dave Sullivan second on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioners Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez and Fayezi Kazi were absent.

c. Discussion—Austin Resource Recovery Financial Forecast FYs 2014-2018

No citizens spoke about the agenda item.

Bob Gedert, Austin Resource Recovery, presented the Austin Resource Recovery Financial Forecast for fiscal years 2014 - 2018. Commissioners and citizens had an opportunity to view the Austin Resource Recovery Financial Forecast video. Mr. Gedert also answered Commissioners' questions.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Director's Report

Director Bob Gedert presented a report on the following items: What is Zero Waste?, Can we really reach Zero Waste?, Staff Hires and Promotions, Current and Upcoming Job Postings, Statistical Reports, and Performance Measures.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Customer Satisfaction Survey—June

Hauler Ordinance (effects of the ordinance on scrap metal peddlers and landscapers)—June

Mobile Food Vendor (repairs and service)—July

SUBO Outreach Update—July

Hornsby Bend Operations and Management Discussion—July

Briefing on the Composting Pilot—August

Eco Industrial Park—TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rick Cofer adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. without objection.