

ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION (ZWAC) – CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 12/09/13



Zero Waste Advisory Commission – Construction and Demolition (C&D) Ordinance Committee

**Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2013**

The ZWAC C&D Committee convened in a meeting on December 9, 2013, at 301 West 2nd Street; City Hall, Room 1029 in Austin, Texas.

Committee Members in Attendance:
Dave Sullivan, Faye Kazi

Staff in Attendance:
Gena McKinley (ARR), Woody Raine (ARR), Dee Dee Quinnelly (ARR), Cassidy Ellis (AEGB)

1. CALL TO ORDER:
 - a. Committee Chair Dave Sullivan called the Committee Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
 - b. Committee Chair Dave Sullivan 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. REGULAR AGENDA:
 - a. Staff Presentations
 - i. Woody Raine, Austin Resource Recovery Waste Diversion Planner Senior, briefed the committee on C&D training and tours offered by ARR in previous years.
 - Commissioners Kazi and Sullivan requested that staff provide the committee with background educational materials distributed at past events.
 - ii. Cassidy Ellis, Austin Energy Green Building (AEGB) Project Coordinator, delivered a presentation on the history of C&D requirement in the Austin Energy Star Rating system. The presentation included current requirements for C&D diversion in construction projects as well as local case studies.

Presentation (<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=202887>).

 - Commissioner Sullivan asked if the AEGB program performed audits. Staff responded that there was no third party audit but a thorough internal review by management.
 - Commissioner Sullivan asked if AEGB measured the increased cost of construction for Green Building project. Staff responded that there is no steady measure, but that cost premiums do happen.
 - Stakeholder representing BOMA expressed concern on potential increase in costs for construction for new buildings. She stated that the impact will vary based on the size of project and available space.

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- Commissioner Kazi requested additional information on the case studies of costs for new construction versus demolition diversion.
 - Commissioner Sullivan requested copies of AEGB Annual Reports beginning with the year 2010.
 - iii. Dee Dee Quinnelly provided additional background on the request for development of the C&D ordinance including Council Resolution No. 20100930-023 and staff's response, the ARR Master Plan and case studies from around the country.
- b. Staff Presentation
- i. Dee Dee Quinnelly, ARR Senior Planner, discussed the proposed schedule for C&D ordinance development, including the stakeholder process.
 - Commissioner Sullivan suggested that staff consider breaking out various groups in stakeholder meetings.
 - Commissioner Kazi recommended that staff used AEGB's program as a prototype for the ordinance development.
 - A representative from Preservation Austin discussed a prior proposal for C&D diversion incentives.
 - Commissioner Kazi made a motion to hold C&D Committee meetings in April and July, with staff coordinating stakeholder meetings in between. Commissioner Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.
4. ADJOURNMENT:
- Committee Chair Dave Sullivan called the meeting to a close. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. without objection.