

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

Meeting Minutes February 27, 2015

The C&D Reform Committee of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC) convened on February 27, 2015, at the Boards & Commissions Meeting Room (Rm 1101), Austin City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Dave Sullivan (Chair), Fayez Kazi (9:25 a.m.), Jose Valera

City Staff in Attendance:

Austin Resource Recovery (ARR): Jessica King, Gena McKinley, Woody Raine, Jason McCombs Austin Energy Green Building: Katherine Murray

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Committee Chair Dave Sullivan called the Committee Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- b. Committee Chair Dave Sullivan introduced Committee Members.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION GENERAL:

a. One (1) citizen spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

Andrew Dobbs indicated he would like to see a C&D material market summit with large local institutions, city departments, and construction stakeholders to discuss issues regarding markets for materials.

3. APROVAL OF MINUTES

a. With no objections, the Committee approved the minutes for their November 3, 2014 meeting.

4. CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE (CMMO)

a. Ordinance and Rules development process and status

ARR Staff presentation – Woody Raine presented an update on City staff's drafting amendments to the City Code for the sections of the Ordinance Intent document regarding Affected Projects, Project Requirements, Licensed Haulers, and Penalties.

b. CMMO and Rules Provisions

ARR Staff presentation – Woody Raine presented findings from ARR staff research on options for certifying Qualified Processors. He said that staff would be discussing these options with each of the area processors.

Discussion – Commissioners, city staff, and others in attendance discussed the following topics:

- Diversion Rate calculations
- Certification renewal frequency
- Diversion tracking tools
- Case-study communities
- Beneficial use definition
- Focusing the Qualified Processing concept on mixed C&D processing
- Impact of accepting mixed C&D material from other jurisdictions
- Prescriptive and performance certification methods
- Third-party evaluators
- Hauler and self-hauling options

Action – Commissioner Sullivan reiterated the need to look outside the west coast for case studies. Commissioners Valera stated that the building community should have input on what constitutes a Qualified Processor.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

In response to Commissioner Sullivan inquiry, Raine said he hoped to schedule the next meeting of the C&D Committee in six to eight weeks to present the findings from individual meetings with local processors and a group stakeholder discussion on Qualified Processors.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Dave Sullivan called the meeting to a close at 10:21 a.m. without objection.