



**Zero Waste Advisory Commission
Organics Management Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2016**

The Organics Management Committee of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC) convened on June 6, 2016, in the Board and Commission Room (Rm 1101) at the Austin City Hall room at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Heather-Nicole Hoffman, Amanda Masino

City Staff in Attendance:

Austin Resource Recovery: Jessica King, Woody Raine, Richard McHale

CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Hoffman called the Committee Meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION GENERAL

No citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Committee structure and function, annual report, etc.

Commissioners, staff, and other participants discussed meeting times, places, and announcements, generally preferring to meet mid-day but not on Mondays. Meeting times may be set to accommodate the needs of a particular stakeholder group that would be interested in a meeting's topics.

- b. Define expectations, goals and priorities of committee

To determine their goals and priorities, the commissioners, staff, and other participants discussed types of organic materials, their sources, and the current policies and programs that apply.

Hoffman suggested that the Committee's goals be to ensure the success of the following:

- Organics diversion through the Universal Recycling Ordinance
- Curbside organics collection

As priorities, the committee agreed on organics diversion from the following:

- ARR curbside customers
- Food enterprises subject to the Universal Recycling Ordinance
- Multifamily residents
- Customers in the Downtown ARR Service District
- Austin Water Utility's Hornsby Bend biosolids operation

Other related topics of interest include:

- Home compost rebate
- Commercial recycling/composting rebate
- Tie-ins with the Sustainable Food Policy Board

3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Early July:

- Universal Recycling Ordinance, Organics Diversion Update
- Downtown Service District organics diversion

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Hoffman called the meeting to a close at 1:36 p.m. without objection.