



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes February

February 8, 2023

The Monthly Meeting of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC) convened at City Hall and through Video Conference on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. The following are the meeting highlights. For detailed information please visit:

<https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/208214>

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gerry Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Gerry Acuna, Cathy Gattuso, Melissa Caudle, Amanda Masino, Kaiba White, Albert Swantner, Melissa Rothrock, Ian Steyaert

Board Members not in Attendance: Jonathan Barona, Ethan Myers, Ingrid Powell

Staff in attendance: Ken Snipes, Richard McHale, Amy Slagle, Gena McKinley, Andy Dawson, Donald Hardee, Ron Romero, Jason McCombs, Brent Paige, Wendy Riggins, Victoria Rieger, Amy Schillerstrom, Shana Riviello, William Purcell, Marcus Gonzalez, Elizabeth Nelson and Yahel Baranovicht

1. Approval of the January 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Chair Acuna entertained a motion for approval from Commissioner Gattuso, seconded by Commissioner Caudle. Minutes were approved unanimously 6 – 0 by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission.

2. Discussion and Action: Fleet System Enhancement – Marcus Gonzalez ([Video Hyperlink](#)) Austin Resource Recovery's Marcus Gonzalez briefed the commission following the presentation found in the [backup documents](#). After the presentation, the following questions were asked:

- **Will this enhance on-call services?** Yes, along with identifying missed stops, late set outs and account reconciliation.
- **How will video be utilized?** To track extra garbage, verify property damage. Can also be used to view the contents of the cart.
- **How long are the videos stored for?** They are stored per the City's retention schedule

Commissioner Ian Steyart moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Amanda Masino seconded the motion. Commission approved 7- 0.

3. Discussion and Action: Lead Remediation Services Solicitation – Christine Whitney ([Video Hyperlink](#))

Austin Resource Recovery's Christine Whitney, briefed the commission following the presentation found in the [backup documents](#). After the presentation, the following questions were asked:

- **Questions regarding responsibility of the problem:** ARR is using grant money and Building Services is involved in the process.
- **Why is the work being completed in short bursts?** Walker is being filmed and the remediation is being completed during filming breaks. Production is aware of the lead paint.

4. Discussion and Action: Forming of New URO Working Group – Vice Chair Cathy Gattuso ([Video Hyperlink](#))

ZWAC Vice Chair Cathy Gattuso requested a Working group be formed to educate and inform the sub-committee. The Commission was asked if anyone else was interested as long as a quorum was not formed. The meetings would be at least once per month. Commissioner Gattuso moved to form the working group. The motion was seconded by Ian Steyart. Commission approved 7 – 0.

6. Discussion: Multi-Family Composting Resolution Update– Commissioner Kaiba White ([Video Hyperlink](#))

Chair Acuna asked if the resolution was with Council. ARR Director Ken Snipes answered affirmatively.

5. Discussion: 2023 – 2024 ARR Budget– Chair Jerry Acuna ([Video Hyperlink](#)) Chair Acuna stated the importance of the transfer station as well as the service center. Other items wanted for budget were an increase in litter abatement capacity, new vehicles/electric vehicles, rainy day disaster fund, homeless camp abatement, enforcement, illegal dumping, staffing and compensation, hazardous waste service.

Director's Report ([Video Hyperlink](#))

[Report](#) provided updates on:

- Budget Recommendations
- Barton Creek Greenbelt Trail Management
- Winter Storm Clean up
- Solicitations Update

- Performance Reports
- Statistical Reports

Future Agenda Items

- Budget
- Violet bag/cart
- Comprehensive Plan Update – April

The minutes were approved at the March 22, 2023 meeting on Commissioner White's motion, Vice Chair Gattuso seconds on a (7-0) vote.