



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

August

August 09, 2023

The Meeting of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC) convened at City Hall and through Video Conference on Wednesday, August 09, 2023. The following are the meeting highlights. For detailed information please visit:

<https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/268886>. For backup documentation, please visit:

https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/2023_97_1.htm

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gerry Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:08 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Gerry Acuna, Ian Steyaert, Melissa Caudle, Craig Nazor, Amanda Masino & Melissa Rothrock

Board Members not in Attendance: N/A

Staff in attendance: Richard McHale, Gena McKinley, Ron Romero, Donald Hardee, Jason McCombs, Brent Paige, Victoria Rieger, William Purcell, Marcus Gonzalez, Yahel Baranovicht and Gustavo Valle

1. Approval of the August 02, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Chair Acuna entertained a motion for approval from Commissioner Steyaert, seconded by Commissioner Nazor. Commissioner Masino called for additional detail in the minutes. The commission motioned for the minutes to be updated with additional information at the next meeting.

2. Director's Report

Interim Director Richard McHale presented the Director's Report that provided updates on the following:

- MoveOutATX
- Shoal Creek Conservancy "Shopping Cart Corral"
- Brownie Drive Transition to Cart Services
- Composting and Food Recovery Outreach Campaigns
- Annual Curbside Customer Mailer
- Solicitations
- Performance Reports
- Statistical Reports

3. URO Multifamily Presentation

- Elizabeth Nelson presented URO Multifamily Composting Amendment proposal. The amendment called for composting services at multifamily residential properties and listed the necessary code requirements for the multifamily properties to follow. Furthermore, the presentation included an overview of the existing policy under URO. Chair Acuna entertained a motion for approval from Commissioner Nazor, seconded by Commissioner Masino, Commissioner Caudle, and Commissioner Rothrock. The proposal was unanimously approved 6-0 by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission. The following was addressed:
 - Commissioners, staff, and stakeholders discussed the importance to ensure residents keep the lid to their composting cart/bin closed to prevent wildlife from getting in. ARR explained that Austin Health Code oversees that aspect.
 - Commissioners, staff, and stakeholders discussed the difference in requirements for compostable materials between food permitted businesses and multifamily properties.
 - Commissioners, staff, and stakeholders discussed the reporting requirements and enforcement for multifamily properties. The property itself will have to report how much they collected on an annual basis while private haulers will need to report biannually.

Future Agenda Items

- Approval of minutes of August 2nd ZWAC meeting.
- Zero Waste Comprehensive Plan Update by Burns & McDonald
- Review of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission Bylaws
- Review of Zero Waste Comprehensive Plan
- Animal Waste Disposal

The minutes were approved at the September 13, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Nazor's motion, Commissioner Jasper second on a 6-0 vote.

