



**Zero Waste Advisory Commission
Organics Management Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2016**

The Organics Management Committee of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC) convened on September 8, 2016, at Hornsby Bend, Austin, Texas.

Committee Members in Attendance: Heather-Nicole Hoffman, Amanda Masino Absent: Kaiba White

City Staff in Attendance: Austin Resource Recovery: Jessica King, Woody Raine

Austin Water: James Bennett, Ayman Benyamin, Lisa Boatman, Jane Burazer, Ken Lockard, Judy Musgrove, Daryl Slusher Purchasing: Danielle Lord, Joshua Pace

CALL TO ORDER: Committee Chair Hoffman called the Committee Meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION GENERAL:** No citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Masino moved approval of the minutes for the July 15, 2016 meeting; Hoffman seconded; Motion passed 2-0.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Staff Briefing – Austin Water Utility Biosolids Management

Judy Musgrove (AWU) summarized the history of Austin’s biosolids management including the production of ‘Dillo Dirt’. In addition, she discussed the recent Request for Proposals for managing Austin’s biosolids and the current contract negotiations.
 - b. Discussion and possible action: Recommendation on Zero Waste policy considerations as it relates to biosolids management planning

Commissioners agreed 2-0 to recommend to the full Zero Waste Advisory Commission that biosolids management planning should consider the following policies:

 - Honor the highest and best use hierarchy with the goal of prioritizing Class A Biosolids or higher as feasible (as reflected in the diagram below), except in emergency situations;
 - Ensure that the City maintains final decision for the disposition of biosolids with a Class B or lower classification; and
 - Preserve Dillo Dirt trademarked name/compost quality, regardless of who produces the product.
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** What is the level of community involvement in developing the community education and outreach plan for expansion of the curbside organics service?
5. **ADJOURNMENT** Committee Chair Hoffman called the meeting to a close at 3:23 p.m. without objection.