



Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC)

Annual Internal Review

This report covers the period of 1/2/2021 to 7/1/2021

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code 2-1-182) is:

The commission is empowered to review and analyze the policies and resources relating to material discard management in the city, and to advise the city council on materials management policies and resources. The commission shall provide assistance to the city council to ensure its residents that the City provides both an economical and environmentally safe system of waste reduction, resource recovery, and disposal. The commission may provide assistance to the city council to protect the public health and quality of the environment through efficient collection, recycling, composting, and disposal of municipal solid waste.

*** Request for Council Action (RCA's) items passed Unanimously**

January 13th, 2021 ZWAC Regular Meeting

New Business

- a) Discussion and Action: Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) Electronics Recycling Recommendation for Council Action (RCA)* —Andy Dawson
- b) Discussion and Action: Project Transition Ratification RCA*—Christine Whitney
- c) Discussion and Action: Reconvene the Construction and Demolition Ordinance Reform Subcommittee to discuss Infrastructure Deficiencies in Austin Area Marketplace for Viable Construction and Demolition Processing Options
- d) Discussion and Action: ZWAC Retreat

Staff Briefings:

- a) Roosevelt Gardens Asbestos Abatement Brownfields Project, Budget Planning, Solicitations Updates, Performance, and Statistical Reports

February 10th, 2021 ZWAC Regular Meeting (Cancelled)

March 11th, 2021 ZWAC Special Called Meeting

New Business

- a) Discussion and Action: Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) Brownfields Recommendation for Council Action (RCA)* —Christine Whitney
- b) Discussion and Action: Appoint Construction and Demolition Committee Chair*
- c) Discussion and Action: Multi-family Organic Collection Pilot Rollout—Strategic Initiatives
- d) Discussion and Action: Safe Right-of-Way Clearance/Accessibility for Weekly Vehicle Servicing Collection of Garbage, Recycling, and Composting containers from City of Austin Routes—Ron Romero

Staff Briefings:

- a). CTM Refresh, Winter Weather Storm Recovery, Garbage and Recycle Collection, Compost, Brush and Bulk Collection, Facilities, Solicitations Updates, Performance, and Statistical Reports

March 26th, 2021 ZWAC Special Called Meeting (ZWAC Retreat)

New Business

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Survey Results
 - a. Data Review
 - b. Brainstorming and Open Discussion
- 3. Clerk's Office updates
 - a). Official Communication Channels
 - b). Roles of Staff and Commissioners
- 4. Closing Remarks

April 14th, 2021 ZWAC Regular Meeting

Old Business

- a. Discussion and Action: Safe Right-of-Way Clearance/Accessibility for Weekly Vehicle Servicing Collection of Garbage, Recycling, and Composting containers from City of Austin Routes—Ron Romero and Bill Huck

New Business

- a. Discussion and Action: Officer Elections--Commissioners*
 - a. **Gerry Acuna Elected Chair***
 - b. **Cathy Gattuso Elected Vice Chair***
- b. Discussion and Action: ARR Forecast – Victoria Rieger

Staff Briefings:

- a). Budget Planning, Solicitations Updates, Performance, and Statistical Reports

April 23rd, 2021 Construction and Demolition Ordinance Reform Sub-Committee Meeting

New Business

- a. Staff briefing on committee by-laws;
- b. Staff briefing on existing Construction and Demolition Recycling Ordinance requirements.

May 12th, 2021 ZWAC Regular Meeting

New Business

- a. Discussion and Action: Truck and Hauling Services RCA*-Victoria Rieger and Amy Slagle
- b. Discussion and Action: Revisit Homelessness Challenges—Director's Office
- c. Discussion and Action: C&D Meeting Report Review-Ian Steyaert

Staff Briefings:

- 1. Winter Storm Uri Debris Removal Update—Amy Slagle
- 2. Circular Plastic Initiatives-Progress Updates—Natalie Betts
- 3. Multi-family Organic Collection Pilot Rollout Progress Update—Selene Castillo
- 4. Solicitations Updates, Performance, and Statistical Reports—Brent Paige

June 9th, 2021 ZWAC Regular Meeting

Old Business

- a) Discussion and Action: Multi-family Organic Collection Pilot Rollout —Selene Castillo and Jason McCombs

New Business

- a) Discussion and Action: Education, Cleanup & Beautification RCA* – Victoria
- b) Discussion and Action: Underpass Camp Cleanups Contract Reauthorization RCA* – Victoria Rieger and Richard McHale
- c) Discussion and Action: Boards and Commissions Website use – Gerry Acuna

Staff Briefings:

1. Solicitations Updates, Performance, and Statistical Reports—Brent Paige