



Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC)

Annual Internal Review

This report covers the period of 7/1/2020 to 6/1/2021

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 aid 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 aid 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**

July 17th, 2020 Special Called Meeting of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission

- 2a Discussion and Action – Collection services for City Facilities RCA Chair Gerry Acuna entertained a motion for approval of item 2a. Commissioner Amanda made the first motion for approval. A second motion was provided by Commissioner Jonathan Barona. Item 2a. Collection services for City Facilities RCA passed unanimously on a 6-0-1 vote
- 2b Discussion and Action – Overpass and under bridge clean-up services RCA Chair Gerry Acuna entertained a motion for approval of item 2a. Commissioner Kaiba White made the first motion for approval. A second motion was provided by Commissioner Ian Steyaert. Item 2b. Overpass and under bridge clean-up services RCA passed unanimously on a 6-0-1 vote
- 2c. Update on the FY 21 Proposed Budget Presentation
- 2d. Update on the Universal Recycling Ordinance Multi-Family Recycling Capacity Increase

August 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission

- 2a Discussion and Action – Office of Sustainability Community Climate Plan 2020 Revision

September 9th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission

- Canceled

October 14th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission

- 2a Discussion and Action – Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) FY19 Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey
- 2b. Discussion and Action – ARR’s role in the Community Climate Plan
- 2c. Discussion and Action: ARR’s Role in the Homeless Encampment Clean-up
- 2d. Discussion and Action: ARR’s role in the Waterway Watershed Protection Program
- 2e. Discussion and Action: 2020-2021 ZWAC Meeting Schedule. Commission Lisa Barden moves to approve 2020-2021 ZWAC meeting schedule Point of Clarification the schedule includes November 10th as Veterans day is on November 11th Motion 2nd by Ian Steyaert Motion passed unanimously

November 18th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission

- 2a Discussion and Action – Truck Rental Ratification the ZWAC Commission chose to defer item 2a. due to lack of time to review before the meeting.
- 2b. Discussion and Action—Non-Curbside Recycling Contract Andy Dawson Diversion Facilities Assistant Division manager mentions this new contract would replace the contract for recycling services at the recycle and reuse drop-off center and combine in the in-house recycling services for city facilities (two separate contracts would be combined into one). The ZWAC Commission chose to defer Discussion and Action on item 2b. due to lack of time to review before the meeting.
- 2c. Discussion and Action- Safely Reducing Barriers to Charitable Feeding: APH Response to Resolution 20200729-087 CIUR 2290 Presentation
- 2d. Discussion and Action: Update on the rollout of Organic Collection at Multi-family Properties

December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission

- 2a Discussion and Action – Truck Rental Ratification Chair Acuna entertained a motion to approve the Truck Rental Ratification RCA. Commissioner Jonathan Barona made the first motion for approval of the RCA. A second motion was provided by Commissioner Cathy Gattuso. Item passed Unanimously
- 2b. Discussion and Action—Non-Curbside Recycling Contract Chair Acuna entertained a motion to approve the Non-Curbside Recycling Contract RCA. Commissioner Cathy Gattuso made the first motion for approval of the RCA. B second motion was provided by Commissioner Jonathan Barona. Item passed Unanimously
- 3a. Discussion and Action – ARR Pandemic Response
- 3b. Discussion and Action- Citywide Diversion Rate
- 3c. Discussion and Action: Green Fleet -Ken Snipes

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 Resultsa.
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