

Newton Sustainable Materials Management Commission (SMMC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Online Meeting

Members in attendance: Sunwoo Kahng, Chair, Marian Rambelle, Vice Chair, Carl Valente, Secretary, Steve Ferrey, Meryl Kessler (joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.), Karen Slote, Miles Smith, Seth Parker (joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.).

Members absent: John Lewis, Robin Maltz, Jim McGonagle, Commissioner, DPW, Ex-Officio.

Other participants: Alison Leary, City Council, Pam Wright, City Council, Waneta Trabert, Director, DPW Sustainable Materials Management Division, Terry Crowley, Sonja McKnight.

Approval of July 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

On the motion by Miles Smith, seconded by Sunwoo Kahng, the Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2021 were approved, as amended, 6-0 on a roll call vote. Sunwoo Kahng, Marian Rambelle, Carl Valente, Steve Ferrey, Karen Slote, and Miles Smith voting yes.

Planning for SMMC Report

Ms. Kahng led a discussion of the Commission members regarding the SMMC's draft Report on Residential Curbside Waste Management. Ms. Trabert suggested that sections 3 and 4 of the draft report be presented in reverse order. The Commission continued its discussion focusing on the Executive Summary and making a number of edits.

Ms. Trabert will send Ms. Kahng her written edits and suggestions of the report draft. She will also check the data and calculations.

There was a general consensus to have a special meeting of the SMMC, before the regular September meeting, to continue to revise the report as necessary.

Ms. Kahng may check with the City's Legal Department to see if there is an opportunity for the Commission members to continue to edit the report individually or via group access, such as through Google Docs.

Public Comments and Announcements:

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the SMMC is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 8 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Documents provided/discussed at meeting:

1. *July 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes.*
2. *Draft Report on Residential Curbside Waste Management, Newton Sustainable Materials Management Commission, (undated) and Appendix: Subcommittee 1 (undated).*