



Clean and Green Commission Meeting Notes
City Hall, 2A Conference Room
June 25, 2026

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ferreira at 7:02pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Celia Ching Chung

III. SB 707 Teleconference Notifications and Consideration: None

IV. Roll Call

City Council & Staff: Angela Andrews, Council Member; Armando Quintero Streets Maintenance Manager; Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager; Colleen Kamai, Administrative Supervisor; Elizabeth Scott, Senior Secretary.

Commission Members Present: Blytha Bowers; Celia Ching Chung; Tom Ferreira; Sandra Frost; Christian Loza; Shingo Nagae; George Villamil; Peyton Waterman

Commission Members Absent: Gwenda Dossey; Michael Garcia-Picazo; Kyle McCray; Herminia Ruiz; Chandu Siramdas

Commission Members Present After Roll Call: Mary Otegbade

Youth Commission Members: None

Public Attendees: Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director, StopWaste

V. Public Comments: None

VI. Presentation: Mr. Burroughs provided an overview of StopWaste, a public agency dedicated to advancing environmental sustainability and building healthy, climate-resilient communities throughout Alameda County. He explained that StopWaste is a joint powers authority comprised of 17 member jurisdictions, each represented on the governing board by one elected official. The board meets monthly to establish policy and guide the agency's work.

Mr. Burroughs discussed the complexity of modern recycling systems, noting that recycling has become increasingly challenging due to changing markets, evolving materials, and processing requirements. He also highlighted the costs associated with collecting, sorting, and processing recyclable materials, emphasizing the need for effective waste reduction strategies and informed consumer participation.

He provided an overview of new and emerging state laws and regulations intended to improve recycling systems, reduce waste, and increase producer responsibility. He explained that these legislative efforts are designed to improve recycling outcomes, reduce contamination, and create a more sustainable and consistent approach to materials management throughout California.

Mr. Burroughs also addressed the ongoing public confusion regarding proper waste disposal, explaining that many residents are uncertain about which items belong in recycling, compost, or landfill bins. He stressed the importance of consistent public education and outreach to reduce contamination and improve recycling outcomes.

Commission members received the presentation and discussed the importance of continued community education and outreach to support proper recycling and waste diversion practices.

There were no public comments.

VII. Action Items:

Meeting Minutes: It was motioned and seconded by Commissioners Loza and Ferreira, and passed by majority vote, to approve the meeting minutes from April 23, 2026. (9:0:0:5)

There were no public or commissioner comments.

Clean and Green Commission FY 2027 Budget and Financial Report: The Commission reviewed the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, which was adopted by the City Council on June 2, 2026. Staff reported that the budget includes a \$10,000 General Fund allocation to support the activities of the Clean and Green Commission and the Keep Hayward Clean and Green Community Cleanup events.

Staff provided a brief overview of the funding history, noting that the annual allocation has fluctuated over the years but has remained at \$10,000 since Fiscal Year 2024.

The Commission reviewed anticipated expenditures associated with the community cleanup events, including recurring operational costs outlined in the Financial Report. Staff explained that, consistent with past practice, expenditures of up to \$500 may be approved administratively, while purchases exceeding \$500 are brought to the Commission for review and approval.

There were no public or questions from the commission.

It was motioned and seconded by Commissioners Ching Chung and Otegbade, and passed by majority vote, to accept the FY 27 budget and authorize staff to process expenditures in accordance with the approved Fiscal Year 2027 budget. (9:0:0:5)

VIII. Informational Items:

Hayward Youth Commission Updates: None

Financial Report: The Financial report was reviewed in the packet. There were no public comments.

Attendance Report: Staff reviewed the Attendance Report and noted that it has been updated to reflect the City's fiscal year rather than the calendar year. Staff also clarified that attendance at the All-America Festival is voluntary, not mandatory as previously indicated in the report.

Commissioner Bowers asked whether attendance at subcommittee meetings could be reflected in the attendance report, so commissioners receive recognition for participating in activities beyond regular meetings and community cleanup events, specifically citing the monthly Policy Subcommittee meetings and periodic participation in SMASH events.

Staff explained that the Council Appointed Officials Handbook establishes attendance requirements based on regular Commission meetings and cleanup events. While participation in subcommittees and other volunteer activities does not count toward the official attendance requirements, these activities are included in the attendance report to highlight commissioners' additional service to the City Council. Staff indicated that subcommittee participation can be added to the attendance log for informational purposes so the Council can consider commissioners' overall level of involvement.

Council Member Andrews supported staff's comments, noting that the Clean and Green Commission has historically maintained numerous subcommittees and held more meetings than other City commissions. She explained that the number of meetings and events was reduced to lessen the workload for commissioners while recognizing that subcommittees remain valuable. She emphasized that regular Commission meetings are where official business is conducted, while community cleanup events provide opportunities for public engagement.

Subcommittee Reports/ Updates:

Policy Subcommittee: At the request of Commissioner Bowers, Streets Maintenance Manager Armando Quintero provided an update on the City's SMASH program.

Mr. Quintero recapped the recent SMASH cleanup event held in the Aldengate neighborhood and reported that staff are planning a second SMASH event in July in the Berry and Whitman area. He explained that SMASH events bring together multiple City departments to address blight, maintenance, and compliance issues on both public and private property.

Staff indicated that the Commission would receive an update on the results of the July SMASH event at its next meeting.

Outreach Subcommittee: There were no updates. Commissioner Otegbade reported the subcommittee has not met.

Events Subcommittee: Vice Chair Ferreira presented the Events Subcommittee's recommendation to align future Keep Hayward Clean and Green community cleanup events with City Council districts. Under the proposed approach, cleanup events would rotate through odd-numbered districts in odd years and even-numbered districts in even years, providing citywide coverage over time.

Staff presented recommended cleanup locations for Council Districts 1, 3, and 5 for the 2027 calendar, noting that if the Commission continues its recent practice of replacing one cleanup event in June with a community outreach/tabling event, three cleanup events would be

scheduled in 2027, with Districts 2, 4, and 6 scheduled for 2028.

Staff reviewed the proposed locations in alignment with the event planning subcommittee recommendations and discussed factors considered in the recommendations, including visibility, accessibility, parking, traffic, safety, restroom availability, illegal dumping activity, and the availability of suitable staging areas. Staff also noted that cleanup sites within each district could be rotated in future years and discussed opportunities to partner with local businesses to support outreach and volunteer participation.

Commissioners generally supported the concept of alternating cleanup events between odd- and even numbered Council districts. Commissioner Frost questioned whether cleanup locations should instead be selected, solely based on areas with the greatest need, citing locations above California State University East Bay, Whitman Street, and Fruitwood Avenue as examples. Staff explained that staff, including Mr. Quintero, had assisted in identifying recommended locations based on known litter and illegal dumping hotspots, while also considering accessibility and logistical requirements; although the area directly above Cal State East Bay was not included, the area of College Hights Park along Hayward Blvd. and both Whitman and Fruitwood were included within recommended sites. Staff noted that additional locations could be evaluated and emphasized that each cleanup site must also have an appropriate staging area for volunteers and equipment.

Council Member Andrews commented that while some high-need areas are suitable for cleanup events, volunteer safety and accessibility remain important considerations. Commissioners also discussed the possibility of organizing smaller commissioner-led "off-the-grid" cleanups in areas where a formal event may not be feasible.

Following the discussion and clarifications, Commissioner Frost expressed support for staff's recommended approach. Commissioner Bowers suggested considering a school or learning center in the Tyrrell area of Council District 5 as a potential cleanup location. Staff encouraged commissioners to submit any additional location recommendations to staff and Vice Chair Ferreira via email for consideration during development of the 2027 cleanup calendar.

No formal action was taken, as the item was presented for discussion and feedback only. This item will be further discussed at the August meeting and if finalized, it will be adopted at that time.

Adopt a Block: Staff reported that there were no new Adopt-a-Block groups during the reporting period. Staff continue to reconcile program records and reported that 50 groups are being renewed, and 38 groups have been retired. The higher number of retired groups is primarily due to one long-standing partner organization withdrawing from the program after several years of participation.

Staff also reported that 77 Adopt-a-Block trash pickup requests were submitted through Access Hayward between April 24 and June 25, 2026.

There were no public comments or commissioner questions.

IX. KHCG Cleanup Events (Committee Member Attendance Required):

Debrief of 4/25/26 Earth Day Event – Vice Chair Ferreira thanked April of Snappys Café for donating coffee. Staff reported out of three-hundred and five registrations, one-hundred and ninety-three volunteers checked in.

There were no public comments or commissioner questions.

X. Community Events & Activities (CGC Member Volunteer Attendance):

Vice Chair Ferreira reviewed the upcoming community events calendar and thanked commissioners for volunteering to staff the Commission's outreach booths at upcoming events.

Commissioners were also reminded to submit nominations for the Beautiful Yard Contest by the September 15 deadline.

There were no public comments or commission questions.

XI. Announcements/Updates:

Council Member Andrews shared several community updates, including the Latin Jazz Festival on June 27, National Night Out on August 4, and the City's Boards and Commissions recruitment, with applications accepted through July 31. She also highlighted upcoming World Cup-related activities throughout Hayward, including promotions and special events hosted by local businesses.

Council Member Andrews encouraged commissioners to stay informed about the proposed Business License Tax ballot measure through City newsletters and other official communications. She also announced that she would be out of town for work and would be unable to attend the All-America Festival on June 27th.

CM Andrews provided an update on the City's Fourth of July Illegal Fireworks Task Force and reminded commissioners that illegal fireworks can be reported through Access Hayward or by calling the Hayward Police Department's non-emergency line.

Staff Update: Streets Maintenance Manager Armando Quintero reported that the Streets Division is developing a pilot program to address illegal dumping. The program is currently in the early stages, with implementation anticipated in January 2027.

Chair Updates: There were no Chair updates.

XII. Future Agenda Action Items:

Adjournment: Vice Chair Ferreira adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm