



Public Works Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 25, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Public Works Commission
 Submitted by: Margo Schueler, Chair, Public Works Commission
 Subject: Renaming Keeler Walk (Path #32) John Muir Path, and renaming The Short Cut (Path #45) Oxford School Path

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution renaming Keeler Path as John Muir Path and renaming The Short Cut as Oxford School Path.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding for new signage and installation is estimated to cost \$500 and is available in the FY 2018 budget for Pathways in the Capital Improvement Fund 610-5306-431.65-40-17SW04.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

As part of its March 2, 2017 meeting, the Public Works Commission (PWC) considered and discussed an application to rename Keeler Walk John Muir Path, and to rename The Short Cut Oxford School Path. Collen Neff, President of the Berkeley Pathwanderers, attended the Public Works Commission meeting and offered strong support of the renaming as proposed. The PWC voted unanimously to recommend the change to Council (Motion by Kelley, second Henry – unanimous vote 8/0/0 Schueler, Frieberg, Smith, Yep, Kitchen, Henry, Dominguez, Kelley).

BACKGROUND

Berkeley already has a Keeler Path (#41) that has been completed for many years and connects Keeler Avenue with Sterling Avenue. To stop confusion about the two paths, the PWC is supportive of renaming Keeler Path (#32) John Muir Path. The City did have a Muir Path in Park Hills until recently when the Parks Hills Neighborhood Association renamed it Patty Kates Path. This was to honor their long-time Association secretary.

Berkeley has a Short Cut Path (#45) that connects Walnut Street to Oxford Street. The PWC supports renaming it Oxford School Path, which is adjacent to Oxford School. There is another Short Cut Path on the South side of Berkeley, just over the Oakland border. This change will reduce confusion about the two paths. It will also honor the school and children who use the path daily.

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and renaming The Short Cut (Path #45) to Oxford School Path

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

As these paths have no addresses, there will be no impact on public services with the renaming.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The PWC considered the renaming to be in accordance with the Naming Policy and an appropriate recognition of this exceptional member of our community.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative actions were considered.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

CONTACT PERSON

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ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

RENAMING OF KEELER WALK TO JOHN MUIR PATH AND THE SHORT CUT TO
OXFORD SCHOOL PATH

WHEREAS, there is a desire to reduce confusion of having two Keeler Paths in Berkeley;
and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to reduce confusion of having two Short Cut paths in
Berkeley and north Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commission has reviewed the request for renaming of
Keeler Path (#32) to John Muir Path and The Short Cut (#45) to Oxford School Path and
found the renaming to be in accordance with the City's Naming Policy; and

WHEREAS, funding for new signage and installation is available in the FY 2018 budget
for Pathways in the Capital Improvement Fund (610).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Keeler
Path (#32) be renamed John Muir Path and The Short Cut (#45) be renamed Oxford
School Path.

