



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**

Thursday, February 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.  
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

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**Roll Call:** 7:10 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Broderick, Campbell, Holland, Perry, Piercy, Shumer, St. John

Absent: Commissioner Alward

Staff Present: Rene Cardinaux, Jeffrey Egeberg (Secretary)

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Announcements:**

A Ribbon Cutting Event for the I-80 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge is scheduled on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** January 3, 2002

Roll Call: Absent should be Alward in place of Broderick.

Discussion and Possible Action Item #1: add "supported by the Commission" before "MSC."

Subcommittee Reports: Buildings & Equipment should be changed to "will meet in January."

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The minutes were approved with these changes, MSC (Holland/Perry).

**Order of the Agenda:** It was agreed to add the following information items to the agenda:

2. Naming of Public Facilities
3. Commission/Subcommittee Work Plans

**Discussion and Possible Action Items:**

1. **Election of chair and vice chair:** Commissioner Piercy was re-elected as chair (MSC Broderick/Shumer). Commissioner Perry was re-elected as Vice Chair (MSC St.John/Broderick).
2. **Consideration of changing the regular meeting time of the Commission:** The Commission is considering a change to either the first or second Wednesday of the month. The Secretary will investigate the availability of the meeting location at these times. This will be placed as an action item on the agenda for the next meeting.
3. **Re-confirming the appointment of liaisons with other commissions:** The following commission liaisons are established or re-established:

Planning Commission:	Sara Shumer
Waterfront Commission:	Mary Broderick
Transportation Commission:	Linda Perry
Disability Commission	Dave Campbell
Telecommunications Task Force:	Carlene St. John

Regular reports will not be placed on each Commission agenda; liaisons will apprise other Commissioners of significant issues on a case-by-case basis.

4. **Discussion regarding performance measures for Public Works Department:** The Commission is interested in “real” measures that are both meaningful and practical (such as \$\$ spent to repair an average pothole of a specific size). Rene Cardinaux stated that the apparent intention of the initial effort is to use for comparison with other cities. He also feels that some changes may yet be allowed to the present measures, up to a limited extent. Commissioner Piercy suggested that the City could hire interns to collect data for measurements requiring considerable effort. It was requested that one or two functional areas be examined in detail at the next regular Commission meeting.

**Information Items:**

1. **Budget outlook for FY 2003 and beyond:** A staff report on FY 2002 mid-year revenues and

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expenditures was distributed. Commissioners will review and bring their comments and questions to the next meeting.

**2. Naming of Public Facilities:** Commissioner Shumer met with the Parks and Recreation Commissioners to finalize the policy. She indicated that “community interest” is the only remaining objective and that encouraging donations has been removed altogether from the general policy and placed in Section 4. The Waterfront Commission is lead for waterfront facilities. The policy regarding re-use of a name is limited to other facilities in close proximity. In summary, all of the Public Works Commission’s comments were well incorporated.

**3. Commission/Subcommittee Work Plans:** Commissioners St. John, Shumer, and Perry have developed a consistent format for the subcommittee work plans, copies of which were distributed.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

#### **Permanent:**

**Utilities:** A tour of EBMUD Treatment Plant was held on January 16, 2002. The Citywide meeting on underground districts was held on January 17, 2002. Development of a Rule 20A master plan must be started soon.

**Right of Way:** The consideration of uniformity of street light types and designs throughout the City is being referred to this subcommittee.

**Facilities & Equipment:** Questions on the Facilities Maintenance Plan have been directed to staff, and answers are expected soon.

#### **Ad Hoc:**

**Sewer Program:** The subcommittee is in final stages of receiving information from staff. The Engineering portion has been completed, but not the Corporation Yard. The budget is still confusing. The Budget Review Commission has developed draft report. Each commission will submit a separate report to Council.

### **Items for Future Agenda:**

1. Consideration of the regular meeting time of the Commission
2. Performance measure review in specific functional areas
3. Budget outlook for FY 2003 and beyond

**Adjournment:** 9:15 p.m.