



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes

Thursday, September 2, 2004

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:13 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Broderick, Edwards, Holland, Ongerth, Perry, Prevo,
Shumer, St. John

Absent: Commissioner Dacey

Vacant: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Commissioner Kamau Edwards was appointed on August 6, 2004 by Councilmember Shirek and was welcomed to his first meeting.
2. Henry De Graca has been appointed to the position of Facilities Manager in the Public Works Department. He will be asked to attend a commission meeting in October or November, with particular interest in alternative energy.
3. The Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) has proposed a joint meeting on the storm water program and funding. This will be placed on the next agenda, and they will be asked for more detail on their interests. It was also suggested that the Workplan discussion should relate to topics in this area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 1, 2004 Regular Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted, MSC (Perry/Prevo, Broderick abstaining). It was noted that Commissioner Broderick's absence was due to a miscommunication and not on her own account.

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ACTION ITEMS :

1. Proposed Changes to BMC for Upper Sewer Laterals and Nonconforming Storm Drain

Connections: The draft ordinance is referred to the Subcommittee who will meet with staff before the next PWC meeting. Staff is requested to summarize any differences with the PWC recommendations. Commissioner Edwards was appointed to serve on the subcommittee, along with Commissioners Shumer and Dacey (MSC Shumer/Holland).

2. Commissioner Binder: The table of contents was reviewed, and the completed binder was passed around for perusal. A motion was passed to retain the binder in the Engineering Office for three months to allow Commissioners to stop by and take a closer look. The matter will be considered again on the December 2004 agenda.

3. 2005 Workplan - Review of Subcommittee Members, Priorities, Issues and a Possible

Retreat: It was decided to hold a retreat at a Special Meeting in the next month or so. Chair St. John will proceed to poll commissioners to find a convenient date. She also will draft an agenda that will start with an introduction to include summaries of the last retreat, as well as material prepared in response to last year's survey by the City Manager. Any outstanding Council requests will be reviewed. Commissioner Holland offered two specific items: (1) definitions of transit corridors and pedestrian right-of-ways, and (2) storm water fee increase/pavement reduction/air pollution control. Commissioner Shumer also offered two items: (1) street cleaning at policy level (creeks & culverts, argument for fee increase) and (2) defer Rule 20A undergrounding policy. A motion was passed to send a request to the Public Works Director for the Department's goals and guidance for the PWC's Workplan development (MSC Ongerth/Perry).

4. Foothill Bridge Proposal: The Council is expected to decide the outcome of scheduling this item at its Agenda Committee Meeting on September 13 at 2:30 p.m., Redwood Conference Room, 2180 Milvia, 6th Floor. The Secretary was requested to contact the City Clerk about forwarding the PWC's July 1, 2004 motion to the Council.

5. Transportation Commission recommendation to establish Joint Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on transportation impacts of UC Construction and associated issues:

Although it was pointed out that U.C. projects follow different procedures than other projects in Berkeley, requiring zoning/land use review and building permits, it was agreed that all construction projects should be considered for review by this process. A motion was passed (MSC Holland/Ongerth, Edwards abstaining) to change the subject of the proposed Joint Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to "transportation impacts of construction in Berkeley."

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Underground Districts: Chair St. John gave a report on the following aspects of recent developments:

- a. 3 Rule 20A Districts require additional Street Light Assessment
- b. First proposed Rule 20B District - Thousand Oaks Heights

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- i. Threshold for approval changed from 60% to 66 2/3%.
- ii. Public Hearing continued to September 21, 2004.
- iii. Assessment Engineers Method of Assessment Apportionment

2. Creek Ordinance: Secretary Egeberg announced the next Council Workshop set for September 28, 2004. He explained that major issues may be the notices that have been sent out to 2400 property owners potentially regulated by the Creeks Ordinance. Also, the definitions of creeks and their boundaries may continue to evolve. Lastly, for consideration in the Workshop, a change to the ordinance is being drafted to simplify rebuilding of homes destroyed in disasters.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. Update on Litter Issue (Commissioners Dacey & St. John)
2. Street Lighting Standards (including maintenance)
3. Recommendation of Street Cleaning Program
4. Citywide Plan for future Rule 20A Undergrounding Funds
5. Standardization of City Street Lights
6. Ad hoc subcommittee & liaison assignments (Quarterly)

ADJOURNMENT: 10:02 p.m.