



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes**

Thursday, December 2, 2004

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioners Dacey, Prevo

Vacancies: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This is the last meeting for Commissioner Linda Perry, and she was duly recognized for her eight years of outstanding service on the Public Works Commission.

The date of January 28, 2005 was selected for a combined farewell dinner for Commissioners Linda Perry and Mary Broderick. The location is to be announced for an expected gathering of at least 20 people.

The calendar of regular meetings for 2005 will be on the first Thursday of each month, except that there will be no meeting in August.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 4, 2004 Regular Meeting

Information Item 1: change "latest Council proposal" to "latest Creeks Ordinance proposal."
Information Item 2: change first sentence to read, "...include areas where the six-foot-width

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BMC requirement is not met..."

The amended minutes were adopted (MSC Perry/Broderick, with Shumer and Ongerth abstaining).

ACTION ITEMS

1. Recommendation to Council on the Street Repair Program and Measure B funding:

Since no immediate action would be expected of the Council at this time, it was decided to change the Council report to an Information Item, with the following further changes:

- At the beginning of the report add the language "because of the severe impact..."
- Change the term "previous" program to "current" program.
- Move the "impact" discussion from the Background section to the Rational section and discussion from the Rationale section to Recommendation (although these headings will change for an Information Report).
- In lieu of the second sentence of the Fiscal Impacts section, add language "as you go forward to prioritize budget issues..."

It was further anticipated that a follow-up report would be made to the Council a month or so later. The amended Council Report was adopted (MSC Perry/Shumer).

2. Proposed Ordinance to BMC for Upper Sewer Laterals and Nonconforming Storm Drain Connections:

Certain language needs to be repeated in the different sections for inspection and repair requirements. It was further decided to send back to subcommittee for refinement and further consideration of procedures, such as posting of bonds, at time of sale for a property. Staff was requested to refer to existing procedures for energy conservation and seismic retrofit requirements.

3. Commission Work Plan for 2005: The work to date is sufficient for now, and the item will be carried over to the next meeting so that any new commissioners can buy into the process.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. University Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Plan: This item is continued until the next meeting since the subcommittee has not met yet. Secretary Egeberg mentioned that there is an overall "Streetscape Plan" on the Council's work program and that this could possibly affect this effort.

2. Status of Creeks Task Force: The members of the Task Force are to be selected in January 2005, and an initial report to the Council is expected in May 2005. Its report is supposed to go back to each full Commission first. Secretary Egeberg mentioned that Public Works staff currently has the sizeable task of determining what is or is not a creek, from appeals by affected property owners, without budget or resources assigned.

3. Status of Encroachment Permit Application for a UC Pedestrian Bridge over Hearst

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Avenue (proposed Foothill Bridge): The City Council held this decision over until the December 7, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Shumer mentioned that she had sent additional arguments against the bridge to the Council, as a concerned citizen.

4. Status from Construction Impacts Joint Ad-Hoc Subcommittee: The members have made site visits at 6:30 a.m. to both the north and south sides of the campus. The subcommittee is in the information collection phase, and the entire effort may last for several months. The next report to the Commission will be in February.

5. 2005 Ad Hoc Subcommittee and Liaison Discussion: This item is carried over to the next meeting. In the meantime, it was suggested that liaisons make periodic reports to the Commission.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

1. Continuation of 2005 Workplan Development
2. Status of Public Works Capital Streets Budget (Director Rene Cardinaux)
3. Staff Presentations
 - a. Sanitary Sewer System
 - b. Clean Storm Water System
 - c. Pavement Management System (PMS) and Five Year Plan
 - d. Environmental Issues
4. Litter Issue (Commissioners Dacey & St. John)
5. Street Lighting Standards (including maintenance)
6. Recommendation of Street Cleaning Program
7. Citywide Plan for future Rule 20A Undergrounding Funds

ADJOURNMENT: 9:10 p.m.