



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
Minutes**

**Thursday, January 6, 2005**

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:06 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioners Broderick, Holland, Prevo, Shumer,  
St. John

**Absent:** Commissioners Dacey, Edwards, Ongerth

**Vacancies:** Councilmember Capitelli's Appointee

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilmember Darryl Moore commended outgoing Commissioner Mary Broderick on her eight years of outstanding service to the Public Works Commission.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Commission further recognized Mary Broderick for her eight years of distinguished service.

The Joint Farewell Dinner for Commissioners Perry and Broderick is planned for Friday, January 28, 2005, at a location to be announced.

Election of new officers will be held at the next meeting on February 3, 2005.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 2, 2004 Regular Meeting

The first sentence of Action Item 2 is changed to read "Certain language needs to be

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repeated in the different sections..."

The last sentence of Information Item 2 is changed to read "...the sizeable task of determining what is or is not a creek,..."

The last sentence of Information Item 4 is changed to delete the strikeouts.

The amended minutes were approved (MSC Holland/Broderick).

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Modification of Recommendation to Council on the Street Repair Program and Measure B Funding:** It was decided to go back to the previous version that was on the agenda of the December 2, 2004 meeting, as modified to (a) include the correction of potential program cuts to "less than \$2.0M" and (b) meet the required format for Action Reports. That version was approved and the Chair is authorized to sign it and submit to the Council (MSC Broderick/Shumer).

**2. Proposed Ordinance for Upper Sewer Laterals and Nonconforming Storm Drain Connections:** Commissioner Shumer indicated that she had reviewed the provisions of the energy conservation requirements (RECO) and that the proposed ordinance compares very favorably. She further emphasized that tonight's version contains no changes from the previous one. The draft ordinance was approved (MSC Shumer/Prevo). The next step is to request staff to come back to the next meeting with implementing procedures and a financial analysis.

**3. Selection of Our Commissioner to the Creeks Task Force:** Commissioner St. John was selected to be the Commission's representative on the Creeks Task Force (MSC Shumer/Broderick).

**4. Commission Work Plan for 2005:** The Work Plan was approved as submitted (MSC Broderick/Holland).

**5. Ad Hoc Subcommittee and Liaison List for 2005:** The Ad Hoc Committees for Stormwater and Street Cleaning and for Commission Binder were eliminated. The liaisons to the Waterfront Commission and the Disability Commission were eliminated. Commissioner Prevo was appointed as a new liaison to the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC). Commissioner St. John's appointment to the Creeks Task Force and as the contact for Undergrounding District Organizing Committees were added.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. Sanitary Sewer System Study – Staff Response to Council on December 14, 2005:** Public Works Director Cardinaux explained that a 3% rate increase, as previously recommended, will not be enough, especially if the University of California does not pay its fair share. He also indicated that the Workers Compensation rate of 20% in Public Works is twice that of the Fire Department. Because of this, although Public Works has

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managed to reduce its number of claims, the costs are still increasing. Chair St. John will take on the task of drafting a Council Action Report on this for the next agenda.

**2. Status of Encroachment Permit Application for a UC Pedestrian Bridge over Hearst Avenue (proposed Foothill Bridge):** This item has been held over again, and the new Council Meeting date is February 22, 2005. The site tour has not yet been announced.

**3. University Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Plan:** The subcommittee is planning to meet again and report back at the next commission meeting.

**4. Updated Checklist for the Brown Act:** This information was noted and filed.

### ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

1. Status of Construction Impacts Joint Ad-Hoc Subcommittee with the Transportation Commission (Commissioners Holland, Dacey and Prevo) February
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:** 9:20 p.m.

### OTHER ENCLOSURES

1. Status of Past Public Works Recommendations

\*Indicates written material included in packet.

\*\*Indicates written material to be delivered.