



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Alward, Francis, Holland, Nelson, Prevo, Shumer, St. John, Wolfe

Absent: None

Vacant: Councilmember Maio's appointee

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Winsberg spoke in favor of paving streets in the Park Hills area, stating that many of them have not been paved since they were originally built.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of February 1, 2007 were amended as follows: Change Action Item 1: "The Work Plan was adopted as amended...". The Work Plan should be amended to add "ROW Maintenance" as #4 and to remove the monthly report items as Work Plan items and to list them separately at the end. The revised Work Plan should be appended to the minutes of this meeting and included in the next agenda packet. The amended minutes were adopted (MSC Francis/Shumer with a vote of 7-0-1, Nelson abstaining).

CHAIR REPORT: None.

STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION: The following staff reports will be referred to subcommittee:

1. December 2005 flood damage, recovery and claims
2. Storm Water Management Codes, Regulations and Standards

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The storm water system tour was tentatively set for March 23, 2007 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. depending on staff availability.

ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

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ACTION ITEMS:

1. Update to Annual Street Repair Policy: Staff explained that there has been a 40% increase in material costs for paving and that these have been offset by one-time allocations from the General Fund and from Propositions 1A, 1B. Director Ford explained the reasons for a shift toward residential streets and a more even distribution throughout the City. Commissioner Prevo expressed concern that University Avenue should be moved up in the plan. The updated policy was adopted for recommendation to Council (MSC Brown/Alward, with a vote of 6-1-1, Prevo voting no, Holland abstaining).

2. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports: The reports were received as submitted. It was also clarified that watershed management will be included under the Storm Water Infrastructure subcommittee.

3. Review of Liaison Assignments and Roster: This list is to be updated as recorded in the minutes.

4. LBNL Plan: The Commission declined the invitation to join the joint commission review and expressed support of the staff review of the environmental documents for the Long Range Development Plan.

5. Pedestrian Memo: This is held over to the next meeting.

6. Undergrounding Material: The material was received as noted.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:23 p.m.