



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, January 3, 2008
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Francis, Henry, Holland, Nelson, Prevo, Shumer, Wolfe
Absent: Commissioners Alward and Schueler

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gail Garcia spoke against the private development at 1800 San Pablo and that sewer connection fees had been deferred.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of November 1, 2007: The minutes were amended to add “in staffing” after “flux” under the Presentation section. The amended minutes were approved (MSC Nelson/Wolfe, with a vote of 7-0-0).

Special Meeting of December 10, 2007: The secretary was requested to expand the draft minutes consistent with the notes taken by Commissioner Wolfe and bring them back to the next meeting.

CHAIR REPORT: The Chair noted the timeliness of the cleaning of the Aquatic Park tide tubes by the Public Works Department.

STAFF REPORT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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ACTION ITEMS:

1. Selection of Meeting Dates for 2008: The 2008 schedule of meetings contained in the packet was accepted.

2. Continued Discussion and Possible Adoption of Work Plan for 2008:General:

- The Commission Binder will be re-done this year.
- New commissioners (Schueler and Henry) will be scheduled for a tour of the Corporation Yard.
- The analysis of the outcome of PWC actions will be updated several times during the year and then reviewed during the year-end retreat.
- The status of the “opt-in” street sweeping effort will be monitored, and staff will be asked for a report in April – May.
- Regarding utility undergrounding, the PWC will continue to advocate its current position until the City Council acts on its recommendations.

Stormwater Issues:

- Best Management Practices will be promoted, as available and as feasible, including permeable paving materials.
- Re-structuring stormwater fees will not be pursued.
- It is presently economically unfeasible to eliminate stormwater discharge into Aquatic Park.

INFORMATION ITEMS:**1. Discussion on Recent Council Actions**

a. PWC Report on Rule 20A Undergrounding dated 12/11/07: For the proposed Council Workshop, the PWC will seek the following information from staff, provided that it does not consume excessive staff time:

For all past 20A districts:

Sources of funding

A list of streets with their mileage

Cost: public and private (if available)

Date of beginning and completing

For the arterial streets still to be done:

A list of streets with their mileage

Their traffic volume

A calculation of probable cost and time of completion given current level of funding

Collectors:

A list of the higher volume collectors with their traffic volumes

b. Staff Report on Aquatic Park Maintenance dated 12/18/07: The staff report was received as presented.

c. Staff Report on Private Sewer Laterals dated 12/18/07: At the next meeting, staff is requested to present data, as previously available, on the number of voluntary compliances prior to implementation of the new program.

FUTURE AGENDAS: Proposed agenda items were accepted as follow:

February:	Elect officers, Work Plan, Work Groups
March:	5-Year Paving Report, 20A Undergrounding

ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 p.m.