



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Action Minutes

Thursday, February 7, 2019
Willow Room, Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Present: Ray Yep, Nic Dominguez, Jim McGrath, Shane Krpata, Matt Freiberg, Sachu Constantine, and Jackie Erbe

Absent: John Hitchen (excused)

Staff: Nisha Patel, Andrew Brozyna, Elmar Kapfer, Christina Erickson, and Mitch Buttress

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Sam Ginsberg was present and did not make comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the January 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed and the following comments made:

- On page 1, under Public Comments, the word “said” is misspelled.
- On page 1, under Public Comments, Jackie Erbe is from “Walk Bike Berkeley”.

The minutes were approved as amended (McGrath/Krpata 5/0/2 abstain: Constantine, Freiberg).

CHAIR REPORT: Ray Yep introduced Jackie Erbe as the new commissioner from District 1. Ray also discussed that the Council has established standing committees and there is one that addresses infrastructure and the environment. Ray also discussed that Council recently prepared a document with guidelines for writing Council agenda items.

STAFF REPORT: Nisha Patel reported that the Council items on watershed management and Codornices Creek are going through final review.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Nominations and vote for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2019 – Ray Yep was nominated for Chair and Nic Dominguez for Vice-Chair. There were no more nominations and the nominees were approved (Freiberg/Constantine 7/0/0).
2. Presentation on Green Infrastructure Plan – Mitch Buttress presented an update on the Green Infrastructure Plan (GI Plan), which is a component of Berkeley’s renewal of its Municipal Regional Permit. The GI Plan needs to be approved by Council in June and submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board in September. Mitch presented the following information:

- Staff has prepared estimates of impervious surfaces to be retrofitted through the year 2040. The estimates are 45 acres to be treated by GI by 2020, 79 acres by 2030, and 119 acres by 2040.
- Staff is using a multi-priority tool to determine the best locations for GI. Most of the locations are in the middle of the city.
- Staff is using a micro-watershed tool to evaluate the locations with PCB contamination.
- A public meeting will be held on February 27th at the Live Oak Community Center.

Nic Dominguez will prepare a letter of support for the GI Plan. The Commission will consider the letter at our March meeting.

3. Measure T1 Project Prioritization – Christina Erickson and Elmar Kapfer presented an update on the Measure T1 program. They presented information on the estimated \$7 million funding gap for the Phase 1 projects. Staff wants to make their recommendations to Council on March 26. Jim McGrath reported that the T1 sub-committee has been meeting with the T1 staff and is recommending Option D. This is the option where staff will be seeking additional funding of up to \$7 million for the Phase 1 projects. This recommendation was approved (McGrath/Dominguez 7/0/0).
4. Presentation on Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan – Andrew Brozyna gave a presentation on the draft 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The theme is that “readiness = mitigation + preparedness”. The key dates are:
 - Public and Commission comments by February 28.
 - Review by California OES, FEMA, etc. this summer and a final draft plan by October
 - Council approval by December 2019

Due to the deadline in submitting comments, member of the Public Works Commission will submit comments individually.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Final work plan and subcommittees for 2019 – Changes were made to add Jackie Erbe to the street paving subcommittee. Also, Matt Freiberg will be a regular member of the T1 subcommittee and Shane Krpata will be a regular member the undergrounding subcommittee.
2. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports
 - a) Street paving – discussed above.
 - b) T1 implementation – discussed above.
 - c) Utility Undergrounding – Ray Yep reported that a kick off meeting of the undergrounding subcommittee is planned for February 13, 2019.
 - d) Watershed management and sanitary sewers – discussed above.

FUTURE AGENDAS: Items for the January commission meeting.

1. Letter to Council on green infrastructure

Motion to ADJOURN - (Freiberg/Dominguez 6/0/0) 10:00 pm.

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