



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
**Action Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 7, 2016**  
**Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA**  
**Willow Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:06 PM

Present: Dominguez, Elgstrand, Freiberg, Henry, Kelley, Schueler, Swift, Yep

Absent: None

Staff: Tracy J. Clay (PWC Secretary)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Charlie Bowen, Rob Kettleman, Kirk McCarthy, David Snippinn spoke from the public regarding the Proposed Bret Harte Lane Path Renaming.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 3, 2016 PWC meeting were not included in the agenda packet. Approval of Minutes was deferred to the May 5<sup>th</sup> PWC meeting.

**CHAIR REPORT:** Chair Kelley discussed the City's municipal bond polling efforts, the 5/10/2016 polling workshop, and the need to continue to pursue additional funds through a second round of Measure M funding.

**STAFF REPORT:** None.

**PRESENTATION:** Timothy Borroughs, Chief Resiliency Officer, City of Berkeley and Kerry Rubin, AECOM, provided a report on the following topics:

- City Resiliency Update
- Stormwater Capture and Use Study

Staff was asked to provide copies of the Berkeley Strategic Plan and the Stormwater Capture and Use Study to PWC and make them available on the PWC website.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Proposed path renaming** - rename Bret Harte Lane in North Berkeley for poet Ina Coolbrith: The Commission discussed this item and passed the following motion: “Recommend the City Council approve the renaming of the Bret Hart Lane in North Berkeley for poet Ina Coolbrith provided that a detailed list of all the items necessary to meet the naming policy requirements is prepared and it is determined that all requirements are met.” (M/S/C, Kelley/Elgstrand, 6-0-0)

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. **Report back on Final Paving Plan to Council 3/8/16:** Staff reported that the final paving plan was adopted by the City Council.
2. **Award letter of appreciation to City staff for Allston Way Permeable Paver Project:** Commissioner Elgstrand will take the lead on a proclamation of appreciation for the Allston project of the year award.
3. **Cigarette butts and tobacco free downtown:** CEAC Commissioner Varnhagen reported that Save the Bay has a pilot program to reduce the amount of cigarette butts that enter the San Francisco Bay. The PWC was supportive of the program and suggests that CEAC consider potential conflicts with the City’s existing tobacco free ordinances before taking action. Staff reported that the City will be installing trash capture devices in the drainage inlets to reduce trash loads on receiving waters, including cigarette butts.
4. **Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports:** Yep provided an update on the Utility Undergrounding Subcommittee and discussed the scope of work for upcoming studies.

**FUTURE AGENDAS:**

1. Portland’s Experience with Green Infrastructure by MIG (May)
2. 5 Year Paving Plan

**ADJOURN:** 10:00 pm