



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Action Minutes
Thursday, March 1, 2018
Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA
Willow Room

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

Present: Schueler, Yep, Hitchen, Dominguez, Coates, and McGrath

Absent: Henry and Freiberg (excused), and Kelley

Staff: Nisha Patel (Manager of Engineering/ City Engineer- PWC Secretary), Danny Akagi, Ken Emeziem, Anjanette Scott

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Marvin Snow expressed appreciation for the commission's work on undergrounding.
2. Liz Varnhagen attended and did not comment.
3. Erin Diehm attended and did not comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Review of the February 2018 minutes was carried over to the April meeting.

CHAIR REPORT:

We welcomed Jim McGrath as a new appointee to the Public Works Commission. Jim expressed interested to be on the Watershed subcommittee.

STAFF REPORT:

Nisha Patel reported on trash capture devices planned for the Gilman Street and I80 interchange. Danny Akagi reported that the permeable paver bus stop at University and Shattuck is underway. Work will then move to the Rose and Hopkins bio-swale. The design of the Woolsey cistern is finishing and construction will start this summer.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Anjanette Scott made a presentation on the proposed storm drain and street lighting fee assessments. She provided information on the background, the funding needs, the benefits, the dates for the public meetings and the Proposition 218 process. No actions were taken.
2. Margo Schueler discussed a draft Council resolution on Measure T1. Nisha Patel reviewed the language and provided some clarifications on T1 activities. It was decided that changes in the wording are necessary. No actions were taken.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Ray Yep reported that Council has been discussing holding a community survey for potential November ballot measures.
2. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports
 - a) Street paving – Ray Yep reported that the paving subcommittee has met. We discussed working on the activities that the Council requested in their December 2017 meeting.
 - b) T1 implementation – this was discussed under Action items.
 - c) Utility Undergrounding – Ray Yep reported that a Council work session on utility undergrounding was held on February 20 and the topic was on the Council agenda on February 27. The Council was very appreciative of the subcommittee’s work and unanimously approved moving forward with the Phase 3 work.
 - d) Watershed management and sanitary sewers – Nic Dominguez reported that the subcommittee met. He has reviewed the existing Watershed Management Plan and the commitments that were made in the report. He asked for comments to his draft review.
 - e) Sidewalks, street lighting, street sweeping – John Hitchen reported that the subcommittee has not met yet. He asked if the Transportation Commission approved their revision of the sidewalk policy.

FUTURE AGENDAS: Items for the future

1. Process to conduct commission meetings and public input
2. T1 resolution
3. Watershed management plan review
4. Lower University Avenue presentation

Motion to ADJOURN - (1st motion- McGrath , 2nd motion- Coates 6/0/0) 9:30 pm

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