



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Action Minutes
Thursday, July 12, 2018

Willow Room, Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

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

Absent: Kelley

Staff: Joe Enke

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ritchie Smith said thanks to the Public Works Department for work during the Juneteenth festival. She said that there are homeless camps in the Adeline/Alcatraz area and there are sanitation issues there. It needs to be addressed.
- Sam Ginsberg was in attendance and made no comments.
- Susan Schwartz was in attendance and spoke during Lower Codornices Creek topic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the May 3, 2018 and June 7, 2018 meetings were approved (McGrath/Coates 8/0/0).

CHAIR REPORT: Ray Yep discussed the date for the PWC social event and it was decided to hold it on August 18.

STAFF REPORT: No report.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Status of letters to Council on Lower Codornices Creek and Watershed Management Plan – Nic and Margo reported that the letter to Council on the Watershed Management Plan has been formatted and is ready for Nisha to route.

Jim McGrath reported that he has done considerable research on the Lower Codornices Creek area. He suggested that a meeting between U.C. Berkeley, Berkeley, and Albany is needed. Nic Dominguez will set it up. Susan Schwartz stated that it will take time for the parties to set a meeting date and to discuss the issues. She supports sending the letter to Council.

2. Discuss alternatives for King Middle School Park green infrastructure project – Joe Enke reported that London Plane trees impact the placement of green infrastructure at King Park. He handed out a preliminary analysis of options at Codornices Park, Willard Park, San Pablo Park, and Aquatic Park.

After discussion by several commissioners, it was decided that Joe should coordinate the selection of a GI project with the GI plan that is being prepared by Mitch Butress.

3. Discuss street paving bids and schedule for 5-year paving plan – Larry Henry reported that the paving subcommittee met on June 28 and discussed the lack of bids for street paving in FY18. Joe Enke handed out a list of paving projects planned and completed in FY16 and 17. Larry asked for a breakdown of planned vs. actual for miles of work, types of improvements, etc. Larry discussed the need to address the city’s goal to achieve an average PCI of 75. Joe reported that staff is proposing permeable pavement along the shoulder of improvements to Spinnaker Way. He would like to use the 15% discretionary funding for it. The Commissioners stated their preference to not use the discretionary funding for this and to use it for a street selected from the Allston Way permeable pavement study.

Ray Yep asked Joe for a schedule to review the FY20, 21, and 22 paving plans and to submit a recommendation to Council. Joe said that staff is still working on the plans. Matt Frieberg suggested working with Council on long term funding for paving.

4. Discuss date for extra meeting in December – Discussed and decided to request a special meeting on Saturday, December 8, 9 am – noon.
5. Report by Jim McGrath on Ashby interchange project – Jim McGrath attended a meeting with ACTC and Caltrans on June 15 regarding the Ashby interchange project. He said that new water outlets are proposed for Aquatic Park. He said that large trash capture devices are proposed for the Gilman interchange project. He is looking at the potential for flooding in the area.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports
 - a) Street paving – discussed above.
 - b) T1 implementation – Margo reported that she is setting up a sub-subcommittee meeting.
 - c) Utility Undergrounding – Ray reported that Council, in their fiscal year budgeting process, did not approve the \$200k budget request from the Public Works Department.
 - d) Watershed management and sanitary sewers – discussed above.
 - e) Sidewalks, street lighting, street sweeping – John reported on their work to get legal clarifications on sidewalks. The transportation commission has not sent their sidewalk policy to Council.

FUTURE AGENDAS: Items for the future

1. 5-year paving plan
2. Lower Codornices Creek status
3. Long term funding for paving

Motion to ADJOURN - (Frieberg/McGrath 8/0/0) 9:10 pm

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