



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

Action Minutes  
Thursday, April 11, 2019

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

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM**

Present: Nic Dominguez, Jim McGrath, Shane Krpata, Sachu Constantine, Margo Schueler, John Hitchen, and Jackie Erbe

Absent: Matt Freiberg and Ray Yep

Staff: Nisha Patel and Joe Enke

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Bryce Nesbitt commented on the trash truck fire and the fish kill. He commented that the City should be paving more than one block of a street at a time. He also suggested that the City have a Dig Once policy.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for the March 7, 2019 meeting were reviewed and no comments were made.

The minutes were approved (Schueler /McGrath 7/0/0)

**CHAIR REPORT:** Nic provided a summary of the reports that Ray provided to him on the April 3, 2019 Paving Subcommittee Meeting and the April 5, 2019 Undergrounding Subcommittee Meeting.

**STAFF REPORT:** Nisha Patel relayed that there was communication by the Friends of Five Creeks on the foam discharge to Codornices Creek on April 3<sup>rd</sup> which caused fish kill.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Paving Discussion
  - a.) 5 Year Paving Plan Schedule
    - Joe Enke went through each section of the MS Project Schedule to include:
      - Development of the 5 Year Paving Plan (dates on when the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the 5 Year Paving Plan would be complete
      - Subcommittee Reviews
      - Utility Coordination
      - Bike Plan Overlay
      - Commission Review and Report
      - Allston Pavers
      - P-TAP Cycle 20 Grant/ Long Range Paving Plan Development
      - Funding Report
      - Council Approvals

Many of the Commissioners had comments and questions on the schedule.

Margo Schueler said she would like the Watershed Committee to be involved in the review of the Allston paver analysis. Regarding the Long Range Development Plan, Jim McGrath said staff should consider the resources, such as staff and additional funding, which will be necessary to deliver the paving program. He said that staff should also consider alternative paving methods. Sachu Constantine agreed with this. Nic Dominguez didn't understand when the Subcommittees and Commission would see the 5 Year Paving Plan. Nisha Patel pointed out the dates the 1<sup>st</sup> and second draft of the Plan would be completed. The subcommittees and the Commission would see the Plan after those dates. Nick asked whether an analysis on equity would be performed by the next Public Works Commission. Joe Enke answered that is the goal. John Hitchen relayed that he thinks that the equity on paving should be based on PCI by providing more paving to the lower PCI areas. Joe Enke said he and Streetsaver say otherwise based on the paving life cycle graph. You want to invest in the streets that are good enough condition that they can be preserved.

b.) Council Item to bid Paving 2 years at a time

John Hitchen thought staff relayed that paving every two years would not save any money. Joe explained that waiting to pave 2 years worth of streets the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and not paving the 1<sup>st</sup> year could cause the need for staff to work on design one year and construction the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. It could also cause issues on spending the outside funding sources in the required timeframes. Paving two years worth of streets the 1<sup>st</sup> year would require the City to front general funds to pay for construction that would have otherwise been paid for with gas tax and other local funds. The Commission was confused whether the Council was asking for staff to: 1.) bid two years of construction at one time and complete the work within one year, or 2.) bid two years of construction at one time and complete the work over two years.

c.) Work plan to address paving topics this year

There were limited comments from the Commission on the work plan

2. Change of June Meeting start time

Nisha went through the timeline for the Adeline corridor DEIR publishing, review and comment period, and public presentations. She also asked the Commission if they were willing to meet an hour earlier for the commission meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Commission was agreeable but asked if Alisa, Principal Planner, would be willing to present the DEIR in May rather June.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Sidewalk Program- Nisha Patel described that the new staff member managing the Sidewalk program is working on reviewing the program history, available budget and resources, assessing and updating the backlog of issues, updating cost information, coordinating with upcoming Capital Improvement Projects, and developing new strategies.
2. Berkeley Street Lighting- Nisha said that city staff is in discussions with Tanko, the company that installed the Leotek LED lights. Our position is that Tanko supply the materials and the labor to correct the light issues.
3. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports
  - Street Paving- Nic provided a summary from Ray printed out.
  - T1 Implementation- Jim said that staff were successful in getting Council approval for
  - Utility Undergrounding- Nic provided a summary from Ray printed out.
  - Watershed management and sanitary sewers- staff will be writing a companion report to the Council Report the Commission wrote on Codornices Creek Maintenance. The GI Letter that the Commission prepared and approved at the last meeting will be included with the

April 30th Council Agenda Packet as communication to the Council. The Council Report the Commission wrote on the Watershed Master Plan Update is going to Council on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

4. Upcoming City Community Meetings- City Council Budget & Finance Committee Special Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> will discuss the Public Works Operations and CIP Budget. Staff will also provide a presentation on the CIP Budget. It will take place in the Redwood Room from 9:30 am to 4 pm

**FUTURE AGENDAS:** Items for the May commission meeting.

1. None discussed.

**Motion to ADJOURN** - (Mcgrath/ Hitchen 7/0/0 9:42 pm).

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