



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes**

Thursday, January 6, 2011

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

Present: Allen, Alward, Henry, Holland, Kidd, Nelson, Schueler

Absent: Casmer

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2010 were amended to change District 47 to 48 in the last sentence of Information Item 1 and then approved as amended (MSC Nelson/Kidd with a vote of 7-0-0). The minutes of the Special Meeting of December 4, 2010 were approved as submitted (MSC Nelson/Alward with a vote of 7-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT:

STAFF REPORT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Nominations of Officers:** Commissioner Henry was nominated for Chair, and Commissioner Schueler for Vice Chair (MSC Nelson/Alward with a vote of 7-0-0).
- 2. Adoption of PWC 2011 Work Program and Meeting Calendar:** The Work Program was discussed. Commissioner Alward was added to EV Policy, and Commissioners Holland and Kidd were identified for the Commission Handbook. Additional comments were that the PWC will keep a watch on UC and EPA issues that may come up, that EV results should come soon, and paving recommendations should go to Council by June. Both the Work Plan and the Meeting Calendar were adopted (MSC Nelson/Holland with a vote of 7-0-0).
- 3. Charging of Electric Vehicles in Public Right-of-Way:** Both Commissioners Alward

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and Holland presented summaries of their own recommendations. It was noted that the PWC has not voted yet, and a suggestion was made to present two alternatives to the Council. Upon request, The Secretary responded that, if more than one alternative is identified, then one of them should be recommended as the first choice to the Council. Further discussion was held on the issues of exclusive parking, commercialism, whether zoning variances should permit more off-street parking, and whether the larger citywide picture should be addressed. As far as other commissions, the Commission of Disability has responded, but the Transportation and Planning Commissions still need to be approached. It was finally pointed out that the Work Plan calls for passing a final recommendation in March 2011. A subcommittee meeting was scheduled for next week with staff.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. **Report on Calera Tour:** Commissioner Henry gave a report of the tour.
2. **Public Works Department's Work Program for 2011 and proposed for 2012:** Held over to next meeting.
3. **Solar Street Lights:** Held over to next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDAS: See Work Plan.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:12 p.m.