



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, November 4, 2010
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Council Member Anderson's Appointee

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2010 were approved (MSC Nelson/Kidd with a vote of 6-0-0, Alward and Henry arriving late)

CHAIR REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: The PWC Council Report on the 5-Year Paving Plan has been rescheduled to December 7, 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Calera Green Cement Tour: Commissioner Henry will proceed to try to set up a tour in the next couple week for Commissioners Allen, Alward, Henry, and Nelson.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Charging of Electric Vehicles in Public Right-of-Way:** Commissioner Allen presented a draft statement of findings and issues from the Subcommittee. Commissioners discussed different viewpoints of allowing the public right-of-way to be used for private purposes. The Secretary indicated that he has received several inquiries from Councilmember's offices about the status of the PWC's work. Since a Council Report is premature at this time, it was decided to send out the issue paper, indicating that the PWC is not unified on all issues at this time, and request comments from other stakeholders, such as the Commission on Disability, Transportation staff, Planning staff (Climate Action Plan – Presidio interns) and to "CC" the City Manager to provide status. No motion was taken.

2. **Submittal of Comments on “SOSIP”:** Matt Taecker gave a staff report summarizing it as a guidance document. He indicated that it is going to four commissions: Public Works, Planning, Transportation, and Parks, Recreation & Waterfront. Chair Schueler suggested three priority topics for the PWC: street surfacing materials, stormwater treatment, and maintenance impacts. Other commissioners felt that major SOSIP considerations include pedestrian improvements (sidewalk widening), shared streets, a plaza environment, and funding sources (parking, UC). Commissioners are encouraged to do individual reviews and provide comments to the Chair. The Chair was then authorized to send a letter on behalf of the PWC in about two weeks (MSC Allen/Alward, with a vote of 8-0-0).
3. **Annual December Retreat:** The retreat will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the North Berkeley Senior Center. 45 minutes of the meeting will be allocated for a joint Session with the Transportation Commission.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. **Comparison of Original and Final Size of Remaining Rule 20A Undergrounding Districts:** Staff provided data that indicated that District 47 was originally 206 properties, and there were some adjustments due to PG&E engineering and due to a small number of parcels dropping out, resulting in a final size of 211 properties. Since PG&E has not started the engineering for Districts 47 and 35A, similar statistics are not yet known.

FUTURE AGENDAS: December Retreat

ADJOURNMENT: 9:40 p.m.