



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting  
City of Berkeley  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

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**AGENDA**

- 7:00 pm CALL TO ORDER: Chair will call the meeting to order; Secretary will call roll.
- 7:05 pm PUBLIC COMMENT: Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.
- 7:15 pm APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Regular Meeting of September 3, 2020\*
- 7:20 pm CHAIR REPORT:
- 7:25 pm STAFF REPORT:
- 7:30 pm ACTION ITEMS: (Matters for discussion and possible action)
1. Report back to Council of PWC Recommendation of Naming Berkeley Paths for Women Founders of the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association\*
  2. Discussion on subcommittee status.
  3. Update on Measure T1 Phase 2 public process/outreach schedule/meeting schedule
  4. Review of 5-Year Paving Plan
  5. Discussion on the Paving Policy/Equity
- 9:10 pm INFORMATION ITEMS: (Action may be taken on any information item at this meeting if a majority of Commissioners votes to move it to an action item. This vote may take place at or before the time the item is scheduled to come up).
1. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports
    - Street Paving Plan, Shane Krpata

- Street Paving Policy, Bryce Nesbit
- T1 Implementation, Shane Krpata
- Utility Undergrounding, Shane Krpata
- Street Lighting and Sweeping, Margo Schuler
- Adopt-a-Spot and Traffic Circles, John Hitchen

9:20 am FUTURE AGENDAS:

- PRW Forestry Presentation
- Street Lights
- Sidewalks
- Utility Undergrounding

9:30 pm ADJOURNMENT

\* Indicates written material included in packet.

\*\* Indicates material to be delivered at meeting.

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Regular Meeting  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
Action Minutes  
Thursday, September 3, 2020  
ZOOM Meeting, Berkeley, CA

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM**

Present: Matthew Freiberg, Jacqueline Erbe, Bryce Nesbitt, John Hitchen, Mark Humbert, Margo Schueler, Shane Krpata, Christopher Brennan joined at 8pm,

Absent: Sachu Constantine

Staff: Joe Enke, Liam Garland, Andrew Brozyna

Public: Ray Yep, Susan Schwartz

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Mr. Yep commented on Vision 2050 Task Force report to Council on 9/29/20 and status of the utility undergrounding report.
2. Ms. Schwartz commented on Friends of Five Creeks community meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for the July 9, 2020 meeting were approved with corrections (Krpata/Erbe/ 7/0/2).

**CHAIR REPORT:** None.

**STAFF REPORT:** Enke provided update on the public works and T1 construction projects.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Update on Measure T1 Phase 2 Public Process – Item discussed, reviewed T1 meeting schedule and commissioners identified to attend various meetings.
2. Review of 5 – Year Plan Paving Plan - Commissioners commented, additional metrics to be provided at next meeting. *Motion to add meeting on Wednesday, October 14 to discuss and review 5 Year Paving Plan Report.* (Schueler/Brennan 8/0/1).
3. Discussion on the Paving Policy/Equity – Item discussed, subcommittee chair Nesbit to start initial draft. No action taken.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports – None due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Upcoming City Community Meetings - TBD

**FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Public Works Commission-Regular Meeting  
July 9, 2020

Items for the future commission meetings.

1. Measure T1
2. Paving Plan and Policy

**Motion to ADJOURN** - (Erbe/Brennan 7/0/0) 10:30 pm.

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## T1 Phase 2 Public Process

### Commission Schedule

Wednesday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Discussion of unfunded PRW projects / Staff and Commission Priorities
Wednesday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Discussion of unfunded PRW projects / Staff and Commission Priorities
Wednesday, November 4	Joint Meeting with both commissions
Wednesday, November 11	Parks and Waterfront Commission
Thursday, November 12	Public Works Commission
Thursday, November 19	Joint Meeting with both Commissions

### T1 Public Process Phase 2 Meetings

#### Neighborhood Meetings

(Still working on rescheduling 3 other groups)

2/19/2020	Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association
2/20/2020	Friends of Strawberry Creek Park
2/21/2020	Friends of Rose Garden/Amigos de Codornices
2/26/2020	Friends of Ohlone Park
3/5/ 2020	Curtis Street Neighbors
3/10/2020	Friends of James Kenney
Shelter In Place- Meetings Postponed	
8/11/2020	Marina Berthers
8/11/2020	Sports Field Users
8/19/2020	Aquatic Park Stakeholders
8/20/2020	Berkeley Path Wanderers

Software that could be helpful for collecting public comment (suggestions from Public Works commissioners):  
Mural: Virtual Chalkboard Program  
Thought Exchange: Collects comments & allows others to rank them in real time.

Tuesday, August 25, 7:00PM, Live Oak Codornices Creek Neighborhood Association- Group provide link

Tuesday, September 1, 10:00 AM, Traffic Circle Group, PW staff to provide link

Wednesday, September 9 (TBA) McGee-Spaulding Neighbors in Action, Group to provide link **Matt**

Wednesday, September 9, 7-8:30 PM Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association, Group to Provide link **John**

Thursday, September 10, 6:00- 7:30PM, Friends of Marin Circle –City staff to run meeting **John**

Monday, September 14, 6:30- 8:00 PM, San Pablo Neighborhood Meeting- City staff to run meeting **Margo**

Wednesday, September 16, 6:00- 7:30 PM, Friends of 5 Creeks – City staff to run meeting **Jackie**

Friday, September 25, 1:00 PM, Berkeley Business District Network- Group will provide link **Mark**

#### Large Area Meetings

City staff to run all these meetings/Links distributed to council members in early September

Thursday, October 1- 6:30 -8:30 PM, District 7/8 Meeting **Mark** ← **This meeting conflicts with the next Public Works Meeting.**

Thursday, October 8- 6:30- 8:30 PM, District 5/6 Meeting **Bryce**

Thursday, October 15- 6:30 – 8:30 PM, District 2/3 Meeting **Matt**

Thursday, October 22- 6:30 – 8:30 PM, District 1/4 Meeting **Jackie**

Thursday, October 29 – 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Waterfront/ Aquatic Park/Bay Trail/Tom Bate Sports Complex **Shane**



Public Works Commission

[CONSENT OR ACTION]  
CALENDAR  
[Meeting Date (MM dd, yyyy)]

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Public Works Commission  
Submitted by: Matthew Freiberg, Chairperson, Public Works Commission  
Subject: Renaming of Four City Paths for Founders of the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association.

### RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Berkeley's Policy for Naming and Renaming Public Facilities, the Public Works Commission (PWC) recommends the naming and renaming of four Berkeley Paths, as identified on the map at Attachment 1, in honor of the four women founders of the Berkeley Path Wanderers:

- Rename a path off of Keith Avenue near Shasta Road, currently named Eleanor Path, to "Eleanor Hall Gibson Path," after founder Eleanor Hall Gibson, who passed away in 2016;
- Name the following paths, subject to a 2/3 vote of the City Council as provided at Section 2(B) of the Policy, as follows:
  - The extension connector of Walnut Street through the UC complex between Hearst and Berkeley Way to be named "Ruth Armstrong Path" in honor of Ruth Armstrong (Moskovitz);
  - The path parallel to the top of Solano Avenue running along Los Angeles Avenue up the tunnel slope towards the Marin Circle, to be named "Jacque Ensign Way" in honor of Jacque Ensign; and
  - Path 71 to be named "Patricia DeVito Path" in honor of Pat DeVito.

In addition to the renaming of these four paths, the Public Works commission supports the inclusion of interpretive signage describing the contributions of each of the honored individuals.

### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Department estimated a cost of approximately \$2,500 for fabrication and installation of eight (8) signs, and has stated that funds are available under existing programs. Impacts, if any, on private owners are minimal given the location of each named path.

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Throughout Berkeley's history, important community work has been initiated, championed, and performed by women of Berkeley. One of the many great examples of women's leadership in our City has been the Berkeley Path Wanderers, founded by Jacque Ensign, Eleanor Hall Gibson, Ruth Armstrong (nee Moskovitz), and Pat DeVito. Since 1997, Berkeley Path Wanderers has played an essential role in preserving and restoring pathways throughout Berkeley.

Though women have long served Berkeley with distinction, most streets and other named facilities in our City have been named after men. Because some of the paths in Berkeley are unnamed or have generic names taken from adjoining streets, they present a meaningful opportunity to name and rename public facilities. Naming four paths in honor of the women founders of the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association serves the dual purposes of honoring individuals who have done important work for our community and helping to rectify the gender imbalance in Berkeley's place names.

### BACKGROUND

On September 24, 2019, City Council issued a referral to the Public Works Commission to consider a recommendation regarding the naming and renaming of the four paths under consideration.

On January 9, 2020 and February 6, 2020, Aliana Constantinescu, the President of Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, presented to the PWC the history of the BPWA and its founding, the contributions that each of these founding members made to the community, and the value of the work that the BPWA continues to provide to the City of Berkeley. Aliana described how the four women met and formed BPWA, working collaboratively with each other, spending countless hours raising funds, working to resolve concerns of immediate neighbors, and working collaboratively and productively with the City. Aliana also highlighted the importance of these paths for public safety, access to public transit, and for the provision of healthy outdoor recreational activities.

Council Member Hann further presented differences in how women and men tend to contribute to society, which may contribute to an inequity in recognition for those efforts.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Walking is a key strategy for reducing GHG emissions, as is taking public transit. Paths invite and support both of these activities. By supporting and highlighting the work of the Berkeley Path Wanderers and drawing attention to our paths, we reinforce the importance of Berkeley's paths for sustainability, safety and health.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Berkeley Path Wanderers is an organization that provides important services to the City of Berkeley on a 100% volunteer basis. Paths are created, upgraded and maintained,

providing both an important public safety improvement in the case of fire or earthquake, and a delightful amenity for those who walk Berkeley for pleasure, or to access transit or shops. Honoring the four women founders of Berkeley Path Wanderers by naming paths after each of them is a fitting tribute to their important and lasting contributions to the City and community of Berkeley.

It is the opinion of the Public Works Commission, pending approval by a 2/3 majority of City Council, that this recommendation is not only appropriate, but also meets all of the relevant criteria for the renaming of a path as identified in the City Policy for Naming and Renaming public facilities, specifically Sections 4 and 5. These honorees have a record of outstanding service to their community and have made significant contributions towards the development of the City Path System. This process has also achieved all of the procedural requirements of the naming and renaming process as outlined in Section 5 of the policy.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Leave the path names as they are today.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager [TYPE ONE] concurs with / takes no position on the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report. [OR] Refer to the budget process.

**Note: If the City Manager does not (a) concur, (b) takes any other position, or (c) refer to the budget process, a council action report must be prepared. Indicate under the CITY MANAGER heading, "See companion report."**

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution and/or Ordinance  
Exhibit A: [Title or Description of Exhibit]



RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

NAMING OF FOUR CITY PATHWAYS FOR FOUR FOUNDERS OF THE  
BERKELEY PATH WANDERERS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, refurbishment of the Berkeley path system enjoys broad and sustained support from residents and the City; and

WHEREAS, In the past women contributors have rarely been recognized in the naming of City assets; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commission has reviewed the request for renaming and found the proposal to be in accordance with the City's Naming Policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the path from Keith Avenue near Shasta Road, currently named Eleanor Path, be known as "Eleanor Hall Gibson Path".

The extension connector of Walnut Street through the UC complex between Hearst and Berkeley Way be named "Ruth Armstrong Path".

The path running between Solano Avenue and Los Angeles Avenues at be named "Jacque Ensign Way".

The unbuilt path from Sterling Avenue to Miller Avenue be renamed from "Path 71" to "Patricia DeVito Path.

In honor of the aforementioned founders of the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA).