



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
Minutes  
Thursday, February 7, 2013  
Willow Room (Ratcliff Building)  
Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Present:** Henry, Haramati, Kelley, Schueler, Yep

**Absent:** Neal

**Vacancies:** Arreguin, Moore, and Worthington Appointments

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Keith Alward: Having just left the Commission due to term limits and having just served as the last Chair of the Commission, he came tonight to say farewell and express gratitude for the opportunity to work together.
2. Elyce Klein: She presented the "Center Street Plaza Project" as being eligible as meeting all the criteria for Measure M funding, and indicated it is "ready to go" with \$150,000 already spent on design.
3. Kirstin Miller: Representing Eco-City Builders, she stated that the Center Street Plaza Project, was designed by Walter Hood, as authorized by Council in 2010
4. John Steere: Representing Partners for Parks, he would like to see project extend from Oxford to MLK
5. Diz Swift: Representing the League of Women Voters, she offered to facilitate the public process and present/receive balanced views
6. Nicole Schneider: Representing the Transportation Commission, she supports the Complete Streets Policy and recognizes that funding for Measure M is limited. She also offered to assist as needed, on behalf of the Commission,

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 3, 2013 were amended to indicate that Item 2B is the Schueler proposal, rather than Yep. The amended minutes were adopted (MSC Schueler/Yep, with a vote of 5-0-0).

**CHAIR REPORT:** New Commissioner Andy Kelley was welcomed.

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**STAFF REPORT:** Staff reported the status of Permeable Paving Trial Project with the kickoff meeting being held on January 31, 2013. The initial sites being evaluated were described. Commissioners will be invited to the next meeting when the consultants will be evaluating the different sites. The consultant team indicated a construction start date in the fall of 2013.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Presentation of Kains Grant:** Ann Riley and Drew Kent, representing a coalition of citizen groups, presented the “Creekside Park” project for the grant application for Proposition 84 funds in May 2013. The City will submit the application, based on an MOU with the Albany Creekside Apartments. The requested grant amount will be \$500,000+ and will hopefully include funding for maintenance by the City of Berkeley. A motion was passed (MSC Schueler/Kelley, with a vote of 5-0-0) that the Commission received the presentation and supports staff assisting with the grant writing effort.
2. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Ray Yep was elected Chair and Margo Schueler Vice Chair (MSC Haramati/Kelley, with a vote of 5-0-0).
3. **Council Referral on LED Street Lights:** The statement from the Energy Commission was received. The secretary will prepare a draft Council Report to respond to the Council Referral for adoption at the March 2013 meeting.
4. **Measure M:**
  - a. Review of Staff Presentation for Council Workshop: The staff presentation is not finalized but the preliminary plan is to use an abbreviated set of the PWC slides
  - b. Approval of Draft Council Report on Revised Street Repair Policy: The draft Council Report was not accepted, and the Chair proposed that the previous memorandum written to staff be substituted for it. The motion carried (MSC Schueler/Henry, with a vote of 5-0-0), and the Chair was authorized to approve the final review of the secretary’s reformatting for council reports.
  - c. Subcommittee Draft Statements: Acknowledged as submitted.
  - d. CEAQ Draft Recommendation: No action was taken. It was acknowledged that the scenario planning process was consistent with both commission’s recommendations.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** None.

**FUTURE AGENDAS:** The meetings of March – September 2013 will have a primary focus on Measure M activities, and then other business as available.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:30 p.m.