

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, May 2, 2013
North Berkeley Senior Center

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 pm

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

Absent: Swift

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2013 were amended as follows: Item 3 –Measure M Mission Statement, strike the phrase “to the satisfaction of the citizens”; Part B – The public is not speaking because the community meeting is an informational meeting. The amended minutes were approved (MSC: Neal/Schueler with a vote of 6-0-0, Swift absent).

CHAIR REPORT: Commissioners Henry and Haramati attended the staff meeting with URS who is doing the engineering for the permeable paving pilot project. URS has 6 sites under consideration. Criteria include street condition and utility issues under street and or sidewalk. The sites are ranked accordingly. Top contenders are: Front of Veteran’s building on Center Street, Addison Street by Berkeley Rep, Warring by Clark Campus, Cedar Street – 2 spots (Curtis & Sacramento), Hopkins by the library and Hopkins by Monterrey Market. There is concern about the Center Street site over handicap accessibility.

STAFF REPORT: A new roster of contact information was distributed, PW commissioners to correct contact information. The information will not be published on the city website. At request of commissioners, the secretary will add email addresses to the roster.

Web postings are now required for commission and subcommittee meetings. It is no longer sufficient for notices and agendas to be posted only on the main bulletin board. A further enhancement is that now, on the city website, clicking on the agenda will pull up the entire packet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Renaming of Berkeley Public Health Clinic:** The previously approved report was re-affirmed with the corrected address (MSC Schueler/Kelley with a vote of 6-0-0, Swift absent).
2. **Measure M**
 - a. Recap of Community Meeting of May 2, 2013. What worked: The tables, the venue, the information at each table and sharing of information. What did not

work: Note taker should have been assigned when public speaking option was added.

City Manager does not feel another survey should be done as it was done already. Also, the commission may not have a website linked to City's website.

PW commissioners want to have input on criteria to be used to score projects, and the public needs to be educated that this is a citywide benefit not an individual benefit.

- b.** Plans for June 8, 2013 community meeting should include the tables with the information similar to what was had at the May 2 community meeting. There should be more communication between the commission and staff over the selection criteria. The scorecard may turn up criteria that were not previously considered, and some criteria may need to be more heavily weighted than others.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 1. Brown Act Training:** Training deferred to future meeting.

FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. Paving issues with disability access
2. Permeable Paving Pilot Project

ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 p.m.