



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, July 10, 2014
1326 Allston Way, Ratcliff Building

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

Present: Elgstrand, Henry, Neal, Schueler, Swift, Yep

Absent: Kelley (excused), Abramson

Staff: Sean Rose (PWC Secretary)

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2014 were approved as submitted (M/S/C Schueler/Neal, 6-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: Chair Yep acknowledge the good time had by all at the Public Works Commission summer potluck, and thanked Commission Swift for graciously hosting the event.

STAFF REPORT: Secretary Rose provided a brief update on the construction of the Allston Way Permeable Paver Project and the 2014 annual paving project, and the design of the 2015 annual paving project. Rose mentioned that staff is planning to invite the Commission, Councilmembers, and staff to a field tour of the Allston Way project. Rose informed the Commission that Nichols Consulting Engineers completed their evaluation of the 2015 streets and pavement treatment methods. Chair Yep emphasized the need to focus on durability of the pavement surface, and asked that Nichols Consulting Engineers attend the next Commission meeting to present on that topic and optimization of pavement treatment methods. Rose and the Commissioners discussed the need to schedule paving operations around school schedules to the extent feasible.

PRESENTATION: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Review of 2016 Paving Plan:** Rose discussed staff's proposed 2016 paving plan. The plan includes paving over 17 miles of City streets, as compared to approximately 4 miles prior to the passage of Measure M. Streets were selected for inclusion into the plan based on the City's Street Rehabilitation Policy and the Measure M Scorecard. The plan incorporates the Commission's prior comments to add deadend and cul-de-sac streets adjacent to streets being paved. Rose indicated the pavement treatment methods will be refined by the paving consultant prior to commencing design. The plan also includes a major green infrastructure project on Woolsey Street between Adeline Street and Tremont Street. Commissioner Schueler asked staff to track the expenditures of Measure M funding and tax-based funding by treatment method, and Rose indicated that staff will do that. Commissioner Schueler requested that staff add more green infrastructure to the plan. The Commission expressed interest in having a field walk of the 2016 streets for the Commission and Councilmembers, similar to what was done for the 2015 streets in May 2014. The Commission discussed the need to involve the community and the Commissions that participated in the 2013 Measure M workshops – the Transportation, Community and Environmental Advisory, and Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commissions. The Commission passed the following two motions:
 1. "Hold a Public Works Commission subcommittee meeting in late July/early August with liaisons from the Transportation, Community Environmental Advisory, and Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commissions, with a map of all GI installed in the City appropriately labeled and additional permeable paver candidates." (M/S/C, Swift/Neal, 6-0-0)
 2. "Staff to make all due efforts to publicize the September Public Works Commission Meeting using Measure M outreach communication tools." (M/S/C, Neal/Schueler, 6-0-0)

INFORMATION ITEMS:

The following information items were discussed:

1. Update on water conservation referral (Swift, Yep, Rose)
2. Sacramento Street Garden (Rose) – Rose conveyed the following update from Councilmember Arreguin: "...Regarding my proposal to explore a

demonstration garden in the median on Sacramento Street, the Council voted to not proceed with exploring a demonstration garden on the Sacramento median but directed myself to meet with the UC Professors to find an alternate location. The City Manager and I brainstormed several locations and the one area which seemed to work was near the picnic area at Ohlone Park at McGee/Hearst. I have encouraged the team that developed the proposal to explore that site. My understanding is that the Parks Department will be in dialogue with the team about the use of the site.”

3. Approaches to stormwater catchment (Swift)
4. Public outreach subcommittee report (Yep, Rose)
5. Pilot installation of Terrewalks – Rose indicated staff will be installing a small pilot installation of Terrewalks sidewalk in lieu of concrete around a tree well to evaluate the product. Terrewalks is an alternative sidewalk surface to concrete, preferred by many arborists because it is permeable and provides oxygen and water to underlying root systems.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:

1. Water conservation update

ADJOURNMENT: 9:50 pm