



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, September 5, 2013
North Berkeley Senior Center**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Haramati

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Brewer lives on Mosswood and is a member of the Panoramic Hill Association and would like to see the streets there paved. He also stated that they do not get street cleaning either.

Janice Thomas is also from Panoramic Hill and in particular, she recommends that measurable data be tracked for Measure M expenditures.

Isabel Jackson advocates paving of Wildcat Canyon and that it be reconstruction, not an overlay.

Suzanne Baker lives on Cornell and was flooded out recently. She is in Schoolhouse Creek watershed and would like to see Measure M used to correct those problems.

Maria Garcia is a bicyclist and advocates for Wildcat Canyon.

Sybil Hecht is a Civil Engineer and advocates for Wildcat Canyon and Grizzly Peak, by reconstructing not overlaying. She is also of the opinion that any money spent on green infrastructure is not worth it.

Toni Mester supports the process that has been used for Measure M.

Brett Wilson advocates for Wildcat Canyon for bicyclists.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 2, 2013 were amended under Item 1A to indicate that 56 people attended each of the first two meetings. The minutes were approved (MSC Schueler/Henry with a vote of 6-0-0).

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CHAIR REPORT: None.

STAFF REPORT: The Permeable Paving Pilot Project is right on schedule, and the 90% bid documents have just been received for review from the consultant. It should be ready to advertise for construction bids in late October. Coordination with BUSD is just being scheduled now, with respect to construction impacts when Berkeley High may be in session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ACTION ITEMS: (Matters for discussion and possible action)

1. Measure M Public Process:

- a. Draft Measure M report: The report was discussed and approved as a final report (MSC Schueler/Kelley with a vote of 6-0-0). It was recognized that it is not a policy document and could be appended to the Street Repair Policy to do so.

The following documents (b – e) were acknowledged as part of the public record:

- b. Notes from the May 2nd community meeting
- c. Notes from the June 8th community meeting
- d. Notes from the July 18th community meeting
- e. Summary of public comments
- f. Council Work Session, October 1, 2013: Chair Yep was authorized to work with staff to prepare for the Work Session (MSC Schueler/Henry with a vote of 6-0-0). It was also decided that each commissioner meet with the appointing councilmember (MSC Schueler/Swift with a vote of 6-0-0).

2. New 5-Year Paving Plan: The preliminary staff draft plan was presented along with a description of the process and criteria used. Specific streets and specific WMP projects are identified for the first two years of the preliminary draft. A more developed plan will be presented at the next PWC meeting on October 3, 2013. However, due to the uncertainties due to clearance with other utility work and capital programs, the out years will probably remain to be presented, rather than by individual streets, but by amounts of funds spent and miles to be constructed in the different categories of street repairs and “green infrastructure.” Regarding the council schedule, the 5-Year Plan will not be presented at the October 1, 2013 Work Session, but will be presented for adoption at the November 19, 2013 council meeting.

3. Renaming Twain Path to Betty Olds Path: The request does not comply with the current policy adopted by Council requiring that a facility can only be named for a person that has been deceased for a year. Commissioner Neal will draft a council report for adoption at the next meeting to make recommendations to council to address situations like this (MSC Swift/Henry with a vote of 6-0-0).

FUTURE AGENDAS: October: 5-Year Plan, Betty Olds Renaming; November: Rosenfelt

ADJOURNMENT: 9:13 p.m.