



**Regular Meeting  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
Minutes**

**Thursday, January 7, 2010**

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:07 p.m.

Present: Allen, Alward, Henry, Holland, Nelson, Schueler

Absent: Kojan, Threet

Vacant: Worthington's Appointment

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting of November 5, 2009: (1) The vacant appointment should be changed to "Worthington." (2) Add "since 2008" to indicate the origin of the Watershed Management Plan. (3) Provide the reference for "C3" stormwater requirements. (4) Remove the location of the upcoming Special Meeting (since it changed). The amended minutes were then approved (MSC Holland/Allen, with a vote of 6-0-0).

Special Meeting of December 5, 2009: Correct the spelling of "Trial Project." The amended minutes were then approved (MSC Alward/Nelson, with a vote of 6-0-0).

**CHAIR REPORT:** The secretary was requested to explain the Council action on the paving policy recommendations. It was also pointed out to the secretary that the newly adopted policy has not yet been posted to the website.

**STAFF REPORT:** Although the Commission's paving policy report was labeled "Consent," it was placed in the "Action" section of the Council agenda. The secretary explained that this appeared to be simply inadvertent, since any Councilmember who wanted to speak on it still could do so in either case.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Adoption of 2010 Work Program:** The Commission’s preference is to consider longer-term, multi-generational, integrated issues and policies and possibly develop a master plan for infrastructure elements. Over the next several meetings, it would like staff to make reports on each element of the infrastructure, one at a time. However, a report on the street paving program should remain on each agenda as a standing item.

A public meeting on January 20, 2010 has been announced for the Watershed Management Plan. Commissioners recommended ideas for expanding the distribution notices considerably, including newspapers. A report will be made to the Commission on the status of the stormwater management grant application (Caltrans mitigation).

Commissioners also expressed interest in energy usage and efficiency and, noticing that the Civic Center is well lit at night, asked whether reports are available for each city building.

Lastly, the secretary announced the new development of the Street and Open Space Improvement Plan (SOSIP) and that the Commission is requested to serve on a joint Subcommittee with other commissions. The process will involve one meeting a month over the next six months or so. Commissioners Schueler and Alward were selected as regular members and Holland as an alternate.

**2. Review of Creek Permit 09-5000002:** Commissioners asked a number of questions about the permit application and indicated that they would like more information, including plans and photographs, for future permits. Meanwhile, based on the staff recommendation, the present permit shall be considered positively reviewed but would like more information on it at the next meeting.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**1. Creating a Commission Email Address:** This information was received and accepted.

**FUTURE AGENDAS:** As noted above.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:15 p.m.