



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes**

Thursday, March 3, 2011

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Kidd

Vacant: Moore's and Worthington's Appointments

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of February 3, 2011: The secretary was requested to add more detail to the notes of the EV presentation and bring them back for approval at the next meeting.

CHAIR REPORT:

STAFF REPORT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Andrew Clough, Acting Public Works Director, has postponed his introductory visit to the next meeting due to pressing annual budget preparation duties.

ACTION ITEMS: (Matters for discussion and possible action)

1. **Charging of Electric Vehicles in Public Right-of-Way:** After considerable discussion, Commissioners remained divided about permitting a private use of the public right-of-way. A compromise was finally suggested that both sides do agree that, in any event, permitting private installations in residential neighborhoods is not the best solution, rather than developing opportunities in other locations. A motion was passed (MSC Allen/Schueler, with a vote of 6-0-0) for the Chair and the Subcommittee to work with the Secretary to write a final report to the City Council. The Chair was authorized to approve the final version for transmittal.

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Public Works Department Work Program for 2011 and proposed for 2012: This was held over to the next meeting so that the new Director can be present to discuss it with the Commission.

2. Comprehensive City Right-of-Way Modernization: Chair Henry described the “Complete Streets” document contained in the packet that was developed in collaboration with Transportation Commissioners, as an outcome of the December Retreat. The Subcommittee, consisting of Henry and Schueler, together with Transportation Commissioners Bruzzone and Smulka, met with Acting Director Clough to explore sources of funding for a conceptual study.

Solar Street Lights: The Secretary was requested to bring a report from the Department’s electrical supervisor on the viability of solar lights to the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDAS: Next Meeting: 5-Year Paving Plan, Department Work Plans

ADJOURNMENT: 9:20 p.m.