



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes**

Thursday, March 4, 2010

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07 p.m.

Present: Allen, Alward, Henry, Holland, Kojan, Schueler, Threet

Absent: Nelson

Vacant: Worthington's Appointment

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of February 4, 2010

The minutes were amended under Staff Report to change to "The Secretary was requested to present the entire creek permit process." The amended minutes were then approved (MSC Schueler/Holland, with a vote of 6-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: The agenda item on Energy Usage will be held over since pertinent staff from the Energy Office was not available for tonight's meeting.

STAFF REPORT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Commission Handbook:** The draft in the packet was noted, and a brief discussion was held. The item will be carried over to a future meeting.
- 2. Auditor's Report on Sewer Maintenance Staff Utilization:** This item is covered under the staff presentation below.

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 1. Description of Sanitary Sewer System, Current Regulatory Environment, and Backlog of Needed Repairs and Improvements:** Staff provided an extensive presentation to the Commission, describing the outline as in the attached slide show (Power Point). Staff emphasized the importance of disconnecting roof leaders (downspouts) from private laterals. Commissioners expressed interest in the new incentive program coming from EBMUD for property owners. They expressed concern that UC Berkeley is not included in the discharge permit requirements and are not paying their “fair share” of the City’s sewer charges. Lastly, they recommended that the Planning Department also has a stake in such major public policy (since its staff performs private property inspections) and considered whether the Public Works Commission should approach the Planning Commission in this regard.
- 2. Street Paving Program-Monthly Update:** Staff indicated that the next phase of the federal/state funded project on University Avenue (from Sacramento to McGee) is about to break ground. Further, staff is preparing and submitting Sacramento Street (from University Avenue south) for Stimulus II funding. Finally, a comprehensive presentation on the Street Program will be made at the April 2010 Commission meeting.

FUTURE AGENDAS: As noted above.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:03 p.m.