



Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, May 6, 2010
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Alward, Kojan, Threet

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of April 1, 2010 were approved as submitted (MSC Nelson/Allen, with a vote of 6-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. 5-Year Paving Plan Update: Wendy Wong from the Engineering staff presented the attached summary of streets planned for FY 2011 and of the planned vs. actual for the past five years of annual paving, including the PCI rating of each street. She explained the process and factors involved in the selection each year.

The secretary explained the status of the current permeable paver prospects, which are as an element of the Caltrans mitigation application and as a candidate for UC mitigation funding at a site near the campus. The status of the former is that Caltrans recently requested that the proposal be scaled back due to limited funding (in progress)

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and the latter is scheduled for discussion at a regular coordination meeting next Monday.

Commissioners pointed out that the recently revised paving policy calls for a discretionary allocation of up to 15% of the annual project to be spent on experimental applications of alternative paving treatments such as permeable interlocking concrete pavers (PICP). Staff was requested to prepare a report for the June meeting on the status of this aspect of the program (MSC Nelson/Holland with a vote of 6-0-0).

2. Climate Action Plan

a. Charging of Electric Vehicles in Public Right-of-Way: Commissioner Allen indicated that the subcommittee has done a lot of research and found that certain cities, like Seattle, Portland, Palo Alto are installing outlets at the base of existing power poles that can be activated with a credit card. They have also heard that there may be some stimulus money out there for such projects. They also recommend that new private development projects include such features. It was suggested that consideration be given to a joint subcommittee with Planning and Transportation Commissions. Lastly, they wondered whether statistics are available on how many electric cars are registered in Berkeley and how many are driven to Berkeley on a daily basis. The subcommittee will continue to be active and is soliciting any ideas from other commissioners.

b. City wide overall Public building energy use: Agenda for future meeting -

1. An overview of all city facilities
2. How the city ranks buildings to address for energy work
3. Root causes of high use

3. City Auditor Request for Audit Suggestions for Fiscal Year 2011: Commissioners are encouraged to submit suggestions through the online system. Also, a visit from a representative would be welcomed at the next commission meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. PWC Handbook and web access: Wendy Wong, Engineering staff and “webmaster” for the Public Works Department, provided a tour of pertinent and interesting information on various sectors and pages of the City’s website, using the attached “screenshots.”

FUTURE AGENDAS: June 2010

1. Audit Suggestions
2. Paving Alternatives
3. Electric Car Charging
4. SOSIP
5. UC Berkeley Coordination

ADJOURNMENT: 9:17 p.m.