



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, September 1, 2011
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm

Present: Allen, Alward, Haramati, Henry, Holland, Kidd, Schueler

Absent: Alfsen

Vacant: Bates' Appointee

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2011 were amended as follows: Action Item 2: A committee was assigned (Henry, Schueler, Haramati, Alward) to work on the Complete Streets topic. Action Item 2 is changed to be Action Item 3 (retaining the work plan for the next six months, but omitting the above committee assignment). The amended minutes were approved (MSC Holland/Schueler, with a vote of 7-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: The Chair described some of the results of the annual regional report on pavement conditions by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The Chair also reported that he has been unable to get a follow-up report on a recent trial use of Calera cement from operations staff.

STAFF REPORT: There will be Council workshops in October-November 2011 on the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) and on the Street Paving Program. It is anticipated that the PWC will be invited to participate. Staff will make a preliminary presentation of the WMP at the October meeting of the PWC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. 5-year Paving Plan: (Moved from Information). After hearing that the PWC report is deferred to an upcoming Council Workshop, the PWC would like the secretary to forward a request that 1-2 Commissioners be involved in the workshop presentations and discussions (MSC Holland/Schueler, with a vote of 7-0-0).

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. **Highlights of 2012 Adopted Budget:** The staff secretary provided an oral report of highlights of the 2012 City/Public Works Department budget.
2. **EPA Sewer Mandate – Smoke Testing Program:** Copies of the public notices and the information on the City’s website were handed out. The PWC would like to see a summary of the first year’s results when available, along with an overall update on the sewer program mandates.
3. **PICP Trial Plan update:** A preliminary staff review of possible new candidate locations was discussed. Based on these preliminary results, staff made a potential suggestion that the best location might be Bancroft between Bowditch and Telegraph. The PWC suggested a more thorough evaluation to include visibility, traffic volume (including cars, trucks, buses, bikes, pedestrians), noise, and soil variations. Staff should think ahead of time as to what the objectives are, and how to measure success after a trial is built, based on the perceived and expected benefits of the PICP installation.
4. **Sidewalk liability update:** Held over to next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDAS: Next meeting – WMP, Uverse, Sidewalks, LED Street Lights.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:22 pm