



Public Works Commission

**]Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes**

Thursday, July 5, 2012

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 pm

Present: Alward, Henry, Holland, Kidd, Ingram (temporary), Neal, Schueler, Yep

Absent: Diaz, Haramati (L.A.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Hicok, representing American Atheists and East Bay Atheists, spoke in opposition to the Dharma street name change, based on the religious connotation.

Bruce Reeves, of the same organizations, spoke in opposition, for similar reasons.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2012 were approved as submitted (MSC Yep/ Kidd, with a vote of 7-0-0, Schueler arriving late)

CHAIR REPORT: Commissioner Yep attended the Council meeting on June 26, 2012 and reported that, although one of the other consolidations was retained on the action calendar, the rest, including Public Works/Transportation, were held over to December 2012. The consolidation of Parks and Rec. with Waterfront and with Early Childhood Education was left as an action item and the decision was to consolidate the three into two, one dealing with the infrastructure and the other dealing with program.

Commissioner Yep reported that the City Manager spoke of fiscal restraint regarding the use of staff to support Commissions and that the Council is sincere in wanting consolidations. He suggested that commissioners read the PWC comments (document 35H) regarding the distinction between Traffic and PWC so that they are prepared to talk to their Council person. The consolidation should be part of the work program since the Transportation and PWC charges are different than what the Deputy City Manager has asserted. He also pointed out that Transportation Chair Terry Roberts opposed consolidation and mentioned 4 items: 1) no cost benefit analysis has been done; 2) the two bodies have little overlap; 3) Transportation presently spends 2 hrs on their agenda; 4) consolidation will provide fewer opportunities for public participation.

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Yep also reported that there is a list of proposed ballot measures that City Council is considering: \$30M and \$50M bond items that bear on street work that is consistent with the Watershed Management Plan. He suggested that commissioners read the City Auditor's report on the Bond program. A greater % of the bond should be applied to the streets. This will also indicate what the cost would be to individuals.

STAFF REPORT: Staff reported that the issuance of the Permeable Paving RFP is on schedule and is expected to be released on July 11, 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: For the Corporation Yard tour, the Secretary will propose a couple times over the next couple weeks, and Commissioners will respond as to their availability.

ACTION ITEMS: None.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Renaming of Harold Way to Dharma Way: The Council action to approve this street name change was removed from the June 26, 2012 calendar and referred to the PWC for further public process and compliance with the new policy adopted by the Council in January 2012, wherein the PWC is the lead commission.

This has a significant impact on the PWC's Work Plan for the rest of the year, as discussed at the last PWC meeting on June 7, 2012, especially recognizing that there are only three meetings remaining. It was decided that the following would be moved to the 2013 calendar:

1. infrastructure management
2. asset management
3. sidewalks
4. public lighting
5. EV policy
6. SS overflow program
7. drinking water
8. undergrounding

and that the remaining of 2012 would be devoted to the bond issue and the street naming. A preliminary discussion on the street naming will be on the agenda for September 6, 2012, a public hearing will be held before the regular meeting on October 4, 2012, and action would be taken at the regular meeting that night.

2. Staff Report on Status of Sanitary Sewer Program: Adadu Yemane made a presentation of the overall sanitary sewer program and the legal actions and regulatory requirements that drive them. There was some discussion of the presented fact that a 42% reduction of flow in wet period is needed to eliminate problem of overflow. It was asked what that represented in MGD, but staff did not have that readily available. It was noted that the City couldn't use public money to address private repairs to the sewer system.

FUTURE AGENDAS: See above.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:35 pm