

Transportation and Public Works Commission Approved Minutes 7:00 p.m. – Monday – September 16, 2013 City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Call to Order 7:05pm

Roll Call Chair: Noroyan; Vice-Chair: Roland; Commissioners: Searle, Marshall,

Crumpton, Becker and Hendsbee

Staff present Mark Dettle, Mary Arman, Marlin Granlund, Chris Schneiter, Robert Solick,

Steve Wolfman, Shizue Shikuma

Absent with Notification None

Statements of Disqualification None

Oral Communications None

Announcements

- Commissioner Ley resigned.
- Dale Hendsbee, appointed to the position vacated by Commissioner Ley, was introduced. Mr. Hendsbee has lived in Santa Cruz for 18 years. He is a structural engineer and feels his civil engineering background should be helpful with transportation and public works matters. He has also served on the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Handouts for Agenda Items #6 and #7 are available on the windowsill at the rear of Chambers.

Presentation None

Approval of Minutes

1. <u>Transportation and Public Works Commission Minutes of the April 11, 2013</u> <u>Special Meeting*</u>

Recommendation: Motion to approve as submitted.

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ACTION: Commissioner Searle moved to approve April 11, 2013 minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve minutes as submitted.

Motion carried 7/0.

- 2. <u>Transportation and Public Works Commission Minutes</u>
 May 20, 2013 meeting was cancelled. No minutes.
- 3. <u>Transportation and Public Works Commission Minutes</u>
 July 15, 2013 meeting was cancelled. No minutes.

Consent No Consent Items

General Business

4. Bicycle and Bicycle Parts Recycling/Scrap Value*

Recommendation: No action recommended

Mary Arman, Public Works Operations Manager, reported on the subject of bicycle parts recycling and whether the ability to sell bicycles and parts for scrap at local buy back recycling centers encouraged theft.

ACTION:

Commissioner Marshall moved to recommend that the Police Chief be asked to delegate authority to someone to review the records being kept by buy back scrap metal recycling centers in Santa Cruz to determine the number of bike parts, aluminum ladders, and copper wiring being purchased to see if high numbers of these items are being bought back. Seconded by Commissioner Becker.

Motion carried 7/0.

ACTION:

Commissioner Marshall moved that if records are not currently kept that show the number of bicycle parts, aluminum ladders and copper wiring being purchased by scrap metal recycling centers in the city, the Commission recommends that Council consider adopting legislation requiring such records to be kept. Seconded by Commissioner Crumpton.

Motion carried 7/0.

Point of information: Commission asked what to do if one sees theft of recyclables occurring in the moment. Ms. Arman replied that citizens should call 911 and, if possible, to take down the violator's car license plate number and/or take a photo, but do not put oneself at risk.

ACTION:

Commissioner Becker moved to recommend that Council work with staff to send a letter to the State of California recommending that the State change its laws to eliminate the requirement that CRV redemption centers for bottles and cans be available in local communities. Seconded by Commissioner Crumpton.

Motion carried 7/0.

Information Items [no action may be taken]

5. *Cowell Beach / Update**

Recommendation: For Information Only

This item was moved on the agenda to be heard after Items #6 and #7. Steve Wolfman, Associate Civil Engineer, reported on results of water quality tests done at Cowell Beach. The results vary from day to day; this year's results are marginally better than last year's results. The final report will come out this winter. An application has been submitted for installing a gate to shut off drainage from Neary Lagoon to the beach.

6. Residential Permit Parking Program*

Recommendation: For Information Only

Marlin Granlund, Parking Program Manager, reported on the Residential Permit Parking Program. When staff receives a request for this program in an area, they ask the requestor to canvass the neighborhood. After the requestor has canvassed the neighborhood, s/he lets Staff know that this has been done. Staff then sends out a letter with an enclosed post card. The residents are asked to return the post cards (yes/no reply), which serve as the petition. A 67% "yes" response is needed to move forward with implementing a permit program.

Members of the public in attendance stated their preference for a permit parking program.

Commissioners asked staff to prepare a report that provides more clarity and transparency regarding the residential permit parking program process.

The Commission agreed to bring this item back as a General Business item at the next regular meeting on November 18, 2013.

7. Crosswalk Request at Jewell Street* (Attachment)

Recommendation: For Information Only

Chris Schneiter, Assistant Director, reported on this item.

Staff reported that vegetation which had negatively impacted visibility has been trimmed back or removed. Staff has submitted a work order for installing pedestrian warning. This crossing does not have sufficient collisions to qualify for a safety grant.

During public comment on this item a video clip of a mother and two children was shown as they waited to cross Ocean Street to Jewell Street.

Members of the public in attendance stated their preference for a crosswalk.

The Commissioners agreed to bring this item back as a General Business item at the next regular meeting on November 18, 2013.

8. Public Works Projects / Update*

Recommendation: For Information Only

Chris Schneiter, Assistant Director, noted that one of the project highlights was the contract award for Arana Gulch Multi-Use Trail with a groundbreaking being scheduled for October. Another highlight was that the Soquel/Park Way project is out to bid. This project involves addition of a left turn lane and other improvements. While this project is in progress, traffic will be impacted.

9. Measure H Expenditures and Progress Report

Recommendation: For Information Only

Item postponed to the next meeting on November 18, 2013.

*Written materials provided.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

- Climate Action Plan/Presentation/Update
- How the Agenda is Set
- Facilities Needs Assessment and Maintenance Study Findings
- Residential Permit Parking Program General Business Item for 11/18/13 Meeting
- Crosswalk Request at Jewell Street General Business Item for 11/18/13 Meeting

Adjournment

The Transportation and Public Works Commission will adjourn from the 09/16/2013 regularly scheduled meeting to the next scheduled meeting on 11/18/2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.

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| Department; and that I posted the 09. | 1/16/2013 Public Works Commission Agenda on the City Council |
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