

Minutes of the
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 12 2009
Council Chambers

Members: Chair Michael Jackson, Members Mark Albrecht, Richard Bertellotti, Jenee Pearce, Mark Piscitelli, and Mike Stanley

Excused: John Grosshuesch

Staff: Public Works Director Mark See, and Administrative Assistant Stephanie McGuire

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Jackson introduced new member Richard Bertellotti whose term begins in January 2010.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 8, 2009 MINUTES

Motion: Pearce moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2009; Stanley seconded the motion.

Vote: Jackson, Pearce, and Stanley voted AYE. Piscitelli and Albrecht abstained. The vote was 3/0 in favor and passed.

UTILITY RELIEF REQUESTS

Jackson questioned the Schoenberg request suggesting that it was similar to leaving a sprinkler on. Pearce agreed with Jackson. Albrecht stated that the litmus test for the requests is whether or not the water went into the sewer system and noted that it did not. Piscitelli agreed with Albrecht.

Motion: Piscitelli moved to approve the utility relief requests as recommended by staff; Albrecht seconded the motion.

Vote: Albrecht, Piscitelli, and Stanley voted AYE; Jackson and Pearce voted NO. The vote was 3/2 in favor and passed.

STORM WATER REVIEW

See reported on storm water runoff testing to the Gower Street beach access that has been taking place. Three sites are being tested by staff. DNA testing was done on the samples, and most of the e-coli bacteria were determined to be from the bird family. Albrecht asked if cross connections had been ruled out. See stated that those connections had been ruled out. Smoke testing procedures were reviewed. The system was smoke tested in 2004. Regular testing by DHS began in 2007, and the Public Works Department has decided that regular testing will be performed and tracked by staff. See stated that *Surfrider* has been asking for more beach water runoff quality testing. *Surfrider* would like to work with the City and apply for grant funds ("319 Funds for Fresh Water

Testing”) for testing at the storm water runoff sites that flow onto the beach. See suggested stated that there are three phases to a testing program: 1) Investigative (actual testing); 2) Public education; 3) Signage and other types of information transmission to the public when high counts are found. See suggested that the Public Works Committee could begin working on the public education program. Bertellotti asked exactly where the testing takes place. See stated that the test water was taken directly from the storm drain pipe drip. Albrecht asked where the *Crest* testing was taking place. Jackson and Pearce are directly involved in the *Crest* testing program. Jackson explained that the creeks were tested in four or five places, and the creek counts are very low. Les Shirley Park and several sites farther up the stream east of Highway 101 are being regularly tested. Bertellotti asked about possible spot treating on site. See reviewed several types of treatment. In response to a question by Stanley, See stated that the creek that leads to the Gower Street outfall begins in the County area, east of Sunset Boulevard, near Elk Mountain Road. Piscitelli asked if test results were higher near Haystack Rock during the summer when the bird population is higher. See stated that the test results in the open ocean water do not exceed the human contact recommendation very often. In response to a question by Bertellotti, See reported on the testing at Nye Beach and public education done by the City of Newport, which continues.

Jackson asked for volunteers to begin to work on the outline of a public education program. Albrecht stated that he would contact the City of Newport, and would report back to the Public Works Committee at the next meeting. Jackson suggested that the formation of a subcommittee could be evaluated at that time.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

See updated the Committee on the work by Bob McEwan Construction for the replacement of the water main crossing Ecola Creek, at the end of Spruce Street. The 12-inch line is complete and will be operational in a few days. The boring has begun on second 12-inch line, east of the bridge. Upon completion, the last piece of ductile iron in the water system will be gone. Ongoing testing is underway at the wastewater treatment facility, including Mag testing on 480 volt equipment. The seawall anchor project at the west end of Second Street is underway. Coring has been done on the wall, and has shown that there is no wood behind the wall. The wall is twenty-four inches thick and will be anchored. The playground equipment at the RV Park is being replaced by Public Works staff. The facility is owned by the City. Water tank testing has been completed. There will be some repair work done on the south tank. There are no recommended maintenance actions for the concrete tank. Staff is investigating seismic shutoffs for the water storage tanks as a possible capital improvement project. Level I Bridge Inspection Certification training is proposed for staff. See and Tracy Sund currently have certifications.

TRAIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Stanley reported that the appeal has been filed pertaining to the Conditional Use Permit. A *Friends of the Trail* hike will be on November 21, 2009. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Les Shirley Park.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Jackson and Pearce reported that their homes had been inspected by the *Oregon Energy Trust* and suggestions for energy savings had been offered by the inspector. Jackson said that there is another level of testing that can be done pertaining to air leaks within structures. Pearce encouraged members to have their homes inspected.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There will be no December meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 14, 2010. Piscitelli was thanked for his service on the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Stephanie McGuire, Administrative Assistant