

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1315 VALLEY DRIVE  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Public Works Commissioners Brittain, DiVirgilio, Katz, Koch, Marinelli

Also Present: Richard Morgan, Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
Rhea Punneo, Administrative Assistant, Public Works Department

**2. Flag Salute**

Flag salute was led by Commissioners Katz and Koch. After the flag salute, Chairman DiVirgilio welcomed the two new members of the Commission.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2006 were approved as written.

**4. Public Comment**

Betty Ryan, Hermosa Beach

Brought the "Envelope of Life" program to the attention of the commission; gave details as to background; right now only Hermosa and Manhattan are participating; project was added to 100 Acts of Beautification being performed in conjunction with the City's Centennial Committee's events; comments made noting issuance of Beautification Award to Frances Young. Mr. Morgan agreed to put the envelopes on the public counter in the Public Works Department as well as in other departments.

**5. Correspondence**

None

**6. Items for Commission Consideration**

a. Discussion of Workshop for 16<sup>th</sup> Street Residents

Mr. Morgan presented the item, noting the time spent monitoring the impact to 16<sup>th</sup> St. after installation of the signal at 16<sup>th</sup> & PCH; noted that Council directed staff to investigate traffic mitigation measures for the area east of PCH having the most issues since installation of the signal; staff wants to know what format to be used for workshop; all residents west of PCH, as well those east of the highway and those off side streets off 16<sup>th</sup> St.

Discussion highlighted the following suggestions and comments:

- Workshop be on regular meeting night as Council Chambers are available that evening
- Meeting would be dedicated to workshop for 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- Come in earlier
- Tonight's purpose was to set parameters for workshop

Public Comments included the following suggestions and comments:

- There is still excessive traffic on 16<sup>th</sup> Street
- Good, frank, civil, honest discussion needed
- Traffic flow issues are most important
- 15<sup>th</sup> Place operates as one-way street

Additional discussion put forth the following suggestions from both commissioners and public:

- Workshop should happen at the next meeting
- Time should be same as regular meeting
- Set up should be horse shoe rather than commission sitting at dais
- Area to include streets between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> east of PCH
- Determine specific items to be discussed – know that looking for community solution
  - parking
  - speeding
  - mitigation
  - traffic patterns
- Invite member(s) of the Police Department to participate
- Include Bonnie Brae in noticing
- Impacted areas to be invited – no restriction on who attends
- Include properties fronting on 17<sup>th</sup> St.
- Want constructive workshop
  - set time limit so all can speak
  - see attendance then determine time limits
  - groups can delegate time to keep time available
- Give and take often needed to develop solutions by way of exchange of ideas
- Open microphone for discussion – maybe 45 minute self-imposed time limit so all can speak
- Have dry erase board or easel to write down ideas
- Need to be able to keep moving forward
- Prime concerns volume and velocity and how to make streets safer
- Traffic Engineer to attend – bring mitigation measures
- Want to keep it civil, don't want a free-for-all
- Agenda for workshop:
  - History – Rick Morgan
  - Review of existing problems – Rick Morgan
  - Technical information regarding volume and velocity – Traffic Engineer
  - Police Department Presentation
  - Itemized areas of discussion – identify other areas
    - parking
    - traffic – volume & velocity
  - See solutions and how they overlap then prioritize
  - Summarize, recap open items
  - Identify items for next meeting and when next meeting this subject
- Solutions agreed to by majority of residents
  - If possible, can be readily implemented
  - Others may require more follow up or actions at other levels
- New speed and turning count data at workshop
- Workshop means less structure
- Don't want to spend half an hour on any one presentation
- Expert should go first
- Illustration of intersection helpful showing hot spots

**MOTION** by Commissioner Brittain that the next Public Works Commission meeting will be a round table discussion in Council Chambers which will include a presentation by staff, open discussion among staff and residents, Police Department Presentation, prioritization of results, notice will be mailed by February 5, 2007. Seconded by Commissioner Katz.

AYES: Brittain, DiVirgilio, Katz, Koch, Marinelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**7. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioners Brittain and Marinelli announced that they will be attending the first meeting of the Upper Pier Avenue Committee and will keep the commission updated as to the Committee's progress.

**8. Public Works Department Reports**

Mr. Morgan noted that the Capital Improvement Project that just ended included repair/reconstruction of 16 streets; slurry seal program will begin shortly; noted that the Aviation Street Tree Project should be done the second week of February; Beach Drive post-undergrounding street improvement project is starting; described the different types of slurry seal and why each is used; said the yard will be renovated in three phases – the first being metal structures, full site work with new exterior wall then the administrative area; area will need to be re-zoned and plans will go through Planning Department; said the Clock for Pier Plaza should be installed some time in March; said 25 urinals are now waterless in various City buildings funded by MWD grant; going after another grant for women's restrooms; noted that vandalism is extremely bad in public restrooms and it's a challenge to keep them in good shape; residents need to know they can call 911 when they see restrooms being vandalized; enforcement is the key.

**9. Items Requested by Commissioners**

None

**10. Other Matters**

Patty Egerer commented that the graffiti is a shame and suggested that signs be put up telling people to report graffiti.

Commissioner Marinelli again welcomed the new commissioners.

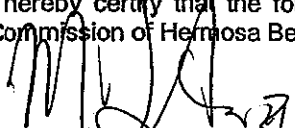
Commissioner DiVirgilio noted the Too Toxic to Trash event would be on Saturday, 1/27/07, 9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. and reminded folks about the Centennial web site, HB100.com, and the 100 acts of beautification noting the committee is counting on the community's support.

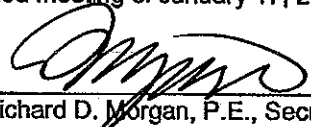
**12. Adjournment**

Commissioner DiVirgilio adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm to the meeting of Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and complete record of the action taken by the Public Works Commission of Hermosa Beach at the regularly scheduled meeting of January 17, 2007.

  
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Michael DiVirgilio, Chairman

  
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Richard D. Morgan, P.E., Secretary

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