

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE,
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, November 21, 2019
2:00 PM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Cheryl Davila, Rigel Robinson, and Kate Harrison

MINUTES

Roll Call: 2:03 p.m.

Present: Robinson, Harrison

Absent: Davila

Councilmember Davila present at 2:05 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 3 Speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - October 3, 2019

Action: M/S/C (Robinson/Davila) to approve the minutes as presented.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Minutes - October 17, 2019

Action: M/S/C (Davila/Robinson) to approve the minutes as presented.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes.

Committee Action Items

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

3. **Traffic Circle Policy and Program Recommendations**

From: Traffic Circle Policy Task Force

Referred: November 12, 2019

Due: April 20, 2020

Recommendation: On November 12, 2019, the City Council referred the following language from the proposed Traffic Circle Policy to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee for consideration:

“New trees proposed by traffic circle coordinators or volunteers will be approved by the City Forester, with a preference for natives and a focus on maximizing ecosystem services.

The Task Force recommends revisiting trunk size considerations every five years as the implications of climate change and autonomous vehicles become clearer. In the interim, large trunked trees such as redwoods will not be planted.”

The original recommendation from the Traffic Circle Policy Task Force is as follows: Adopt a Resolution to approve the Traffic Circle Policy as outlined in the report and refer to the traffic engineer for codification.

Integrate the Community Common Space Stewardship Program into the “Adopt a Spot Initiative,” which the City Council approved on April 23, 2019 (Item #33), and request that the City Council refer it to the Traffic Circle Task Force, rather than the Parks and Public Works Commissions, for the purpose of development, outlining criteria and environmental benefits, program costs and staffing.

Refer additional traffic calming measures at Ellsworth for the intersections with Dawn Redwoods to the mid-year budget process and request mitigation funds from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) due to the impact on these streets from their Wildcat Pipeline Project.

Refer to the City Manager:

1. Create the Community Common Space Stewardship Program as described in the report.
2. Refer the additional staff and material costs of this program to the budget process.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Tano Trachtenberg, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7100

Action: 5 speakers. M/S/C (Davila/Harrison) to continue the item to the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow staff to return with more information regarding trees.

Vote: Ayes – Davila, Harrison; Noes – Robinson; Abstain – None; Absent – None

Committee Action Items

4. **Amending Chapter 19.32 of the Berkeley Municipal Code to Require Kitchen Exhaust Ventilation in all Residential and Condominium Units Undergoing Renovations and Prior to Execution of a Contract for Sale or Close of Escrow**
(Item Contains Revised Material)

From: Councilmember Harrison

Referred: September 9, 2019

Due: February 17, 2020

Recommendation: 1. Adopt an ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) 19.32 to require kitchen exhaust ventilation in residential and condominium units undergoing renovations and in all existing residential buildings prior to execution of a contract for sale or close of escrow.

2. Refer to the City Manager to draft a resolution establishing appropriate local climatic, geological or topographical findings as required by the California Building Standards Commission.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: 2 speakers. M/S/C (Robinson/Davila) to send the item, as amended, with a Positive Recommendation back to the City Council with the following amendments.

Amend the recommendation revised to read as follows:

1. Adopt an ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) 19.32 to require kitchen exhaust ventilation in residential and condominium units prior to execution of a contract for sale or close of escrow.
2. Refer to the City Manager to develop a process for informing owners and tenants of the proper use of exhaust hoods.

Amend the effective date to read as follows:

The effective date of this amendment shall be XXX, or the effective adoption date of the 2020 California Building Standards Code, whichever is sooner.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

5. Referral: Electric Moped Ride-Share Franchise Agreement

From: Councilmembers Robinson and Bartlett

Referred: November 4, 2019

Due: April 12, 2020

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to establish a process for the creation of franchise agreements for ride-share motorized bicycles, and establish a franchise agreement with ride-share motorized bicycle provider Revel in coordination with the City of Oakland.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Rigel Robinson, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

Actions: 3 speakers. The item was continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The committee requested that the author address parking issues, safety information, and identify how this would align with the mobility road map.

Unscheduled Items

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.

- None

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on November 21, 2019.

Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk