

# MINUTES

## AGENDA COMMITTEE

October 6, 2003

1. **Roll Call:** 2:32 p.m.

**Present:** Councilmembers Hawley, Maio and Breland (Alternate)

**Absent:** Mayor Bates

2. **Public Comment:** James Day, Phyllis Orrick, Carrie Adams

3. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting, September 8, 2003**

**Action:** Moved, seconded, carried (Hawley/Maio; Abstain–Breland) to approve minutes.

4. **Review and Action on Draft City Council Agenda for October 14, 2003**

**Action:** All items approved for placement on the agenda with the following changes:

**Item 29 Contract: CarShare Fleet**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with City CarShare to provide a semi-dedicated fleet of CarShare vehicles at locations and in quantities requested to provide employees with access to vehicles for work-related trips for the period November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$963,500.

Contact: Peter Hillier, Transportation, 981-7010

**Action:** Moved to meeting of November 4, 2003 by City Manager.

**Item 36 Fee Waiver: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Telegraph Avenue Holiday Street Fair**

**From: Councilmember Worthington**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution waiving event, sound and insurance fees associated with the fair; allowing an exemption to Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 20.24.040, thereby allowing generic holiday vertical banners on light poles; extending the sound permit from 10 am to 6 pm; and allowing only cross traffic through on Telegraph Avenue from Dwight to Bancroft.

Contact: Kriss Worthington, Councilmember District 7, 981-7170

**Action:** Moved to the Action Calendar by Councilmember Hawley.

**Item 37 Fee Waiver: Willard Neighborhood Association's Annual Picnic**

**From: Councilmember Worthington**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution retroactively waiving the permit fee for Willard Neighborhood Association's (WNA) Annual Picnic and placing WNA's Annual Picnic on the annual list of pre-approved special event waivers.

Contact: Kriss Worthington, Councilmember District 7, 981-7170

**Action:** To be revised by Councilmember Worthington removing placement of WNA on the annual list of pre-approved special event waivers.

**Item 38 Precautionary Principle Policy**

**From: Councilmembers Worthington and Breland**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution adopting the Precautionary Principle and referring to staff the development of a Precautionary Principle Ordinance , an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EP3), and a timetable for implementing EP3 elements.

Contact: Kriss Worthington, Councilmember District 7, 981-7170

**Action:** Moved to the Action Calendar by Councilmember Hawley.

**Item 40 Wheelchair and Pedestrian Safety on Ashby Avenue**

**From: Councilmember Spring**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager recommendations for improving safety on Ashby Avenue for disabled people, those using wheelchairs and other pedestrians, as follows: 1) replace and widen the sidewalks on the north side of Ashby Avenue between Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Ellis Street; 2) conduct a study of other pedestrian safety improvements needed on Ashby; 3) write to Caltrans demanding they fund pedestrian safety improvements on Ashby which currently poses a very dangerous threat to the lives of disabled people; 4) review the City's legal options to compel Caltrans to improve pedestrian safety on Ashby; and 5) diligently pursue grant funding for the purpose of funding visibility improvements for individual residents electric wheelchairs and other disabilities.

Contact: Dona Spring, Councilmember, District 4, 981-7140

**Action:** Moved to the Action Calendar by Councilmember Hawley.

**Item 51 Funding for Traffic Circles**

**a. From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Make available up to \$140,000 of FY 2003-2004 Bike Implementation Plan General Fund for the installation of traffic calming circles on streets which are not Bicycle Boulevards or other primary bicycle routes or facilities.

Contact: Peter Hillier, Transportation, 981-7010

**b. From: Transportation Commission**

**Recommendation:** To uphold motions adopted at the September 18, 2003 Transportation Commission meeting: 1) supporting the City Council compromise motion to designate the \$140,000 recently shifted from the Bicycle Fund to Traffic Calming to be earmarked explicitly for use for traffic circles on Bicycle Boulevards; and 2) reaffirming previous action on installing semi-permanent traffic circles. In addition, at its meeting of March 20, 2003, the Transportation Commission adopted a motion stipulating that those neighborhoods requesting extensively landscaped traffic circles be funded through private contributions or additional City appropriations rather than the existing traffic calming funds which are currently designated for low-cost designs.

Contact: Peter Hillier, Secretary, 981-7010

**Action:** Approved to also include Councilmember Worthington's original item from the September 9, 2003 agenda.

**5. Review and Action of Calendar, Public Hearings, Presentations and scheduling of Work Sessions for future meetings.**

**Action:** None.

6. **Discussion and Action regarding Adoption of Agenda Committee Procedures, Amendments to Council Rules of Procedure, and Review of Agenda Committee**  
**Action:** No action taken.
7. **Adjournment:** 3:07 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Agenda Committee meeting of October 6, 2003 as approved by the Berkeley City Council Agenda Committee.

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Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk