

MEETING MINUTES

Berkley Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

August 18, 2026

6:30pm

Community Center Meeting Minutes



Present:

Vice Chair Tricia Losey
Madeline Alexander
Jason Benedict
Nicole Burgess
Noel Rendleman

Council Liaison: Gary Elrod
Staff Liaison: Shawn Young

Absent:

Chairperson Mark Richardson

- I. Welcome and Introductions / Call to order
6:31pm
- II. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Burgess, second by Alexander. Motion approved.
- III. Approval of Minutes from June 2026 Meeting
Losey clarified Diane Brus attended in place of Staff Liaison Shawn Young.
With clarification, motion by Alexander, second by Burgess. Motion approved.
- IV. Public comment
None
- V. Chairperson's Report (Vice Chair Losey)
Confirmed the proposed bike route map was shared with DPS
Noted the City Manager intends to attend a future BEAC meeting
- VI. City Council Liaison Report (Elrod)
Shared notes from recent Council meeting, including
E-bike ordinance
Economic Plan
Strategic Plan
- VII. Staff Liaison Report (Young)
Discussed coordination efforts
SOCRRA tour - tbd
Touch-a-Truck event 9/19
Fall Fest
EV charging - collaboration with DTE
Shared excitement for new Facilities Manager joining DPW
- VIII. Discussion Item: Work Plan Priority: Improving Berkeley Transportation Infrastructure: Status of review of proposed Berkley bike route map
Noted Richardson shared confirmation of sharing proposed bike route map with DPS
Benedict led discussion of conversations with City Manager and next steps
City Manager acknowledged the BEAC's work on the proposed bike route map
Progress halted due to staff capacity and existing priorities within the Strategic Framework
Initiative is expected to be evaluated as part of the City's comprehensive strategic planning process beginning in late summer/fall 2026.

- IX. Discussion Item: Work Plan Priority: Improving Berkley natural feature and green infrastructure: Fall Native Plant Sale (Losey)
 - Discussed details of plant sale
 - Sunday, 9/19 (day after Touch-a-Truck event)
 - 10am-2pm
 - Community Center
 - Coordinated logistics, event volunteers and marketing
 - Discussed native plant bed installation
 - Space at Community Center
 - Some additional preparation needed before planting
 - Intend to plan in fall, depending on state of bed
- X. Discussion Item: comments and updates on other work plan priorities
 - None
- XI. Old Business
 - None
- XII. New Business
 - Discussion regarding electing a new Secretary; none selected
- XIII. Announcements
 - None
- XIV. Adjourn
 - Motion by Benedict, second by Burguess
 - Motion approved; adjourned at 8:04pm

Next meeting: September 15 at 6:30pm