



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE
August 5, 2008
6:00 p.m.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Janz called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Janz, J. Carlson, Lively, Dudley, Maulbetsch, Ringham, Conlon

Public Works Director Duncan Jones, City Attorney Marc Hynes, Council Member James Dobbie, Office Assistant Melanie Brabenec

ABSENT: McPherson

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Duncan Jones handed out a motion by Dumbarton Rail adopted at the July 22, 2008, PAC meeting regarding MTC's proposal to shift \$91 million of Dumbarton's funds to BART Warm Springs. This motion passed on a vote of 9 to 3.

Public Works Director Duncan Jones spoke about receiving plans for Quad Gates on Fair Oaks but not on Watkins. Greg Conlon said he would go to the JPB to discuss the Quad Gates.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. SELECTION OF AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DUMBARTON CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL

Jim Janz made motion and Phil Lively seconded to recommend Rosemary Maulbetsch be appointed as temporary alternate for the October meeting.

At this point, Mayor Janz and Rosemary Maultbetsch abstained from further participation for the remainder of the meeting.

5. DISCUSSION OF A FORMAL POSITION REGARDING OPPOSITION TO HIGH-SPEED RAIL ON THE CALTRAIN CORRIDOR

A) Jack Ringham made a motion and Phil Lively seconded to recommend to Council that the Town go on record opposing the High Speed Rail bonds because HSR would not be in Atherton's best interests. Motion passed.

B) Greg Conlon made a motion and Phil Lively seconded to recommend to Council that the Town go on record stating that if the HSR bonds are approved, that HSR be mitigated through Atherton by trenching the right of way. Motion passed.

6. DISCUSSION OF JOINING CEQA LAWSUIT PROPOSED TO BE BROUGHT AGAINST HIGH-SPEED RAIL BY CALIFORNIA PLANNING & CONSERVATION LEAGUE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

David Schonbrunn of TRANSDEF and Dan McNamara of California Rail Foundation discussed:

- Altamont versus Diablo (original plan which benefits San Jose)
 - Better speeds
 - Congestion relief
 - No negative impacts on wilderness
- Pacheco (put forward)
 - No stop between Gilroy/Fresno going South
- AB3034 (oppose)
 - Establishes updated procedures for High-speed rail
 - The bill adds lock in high speed rail service over Pacheco

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS (TIME PERMITTING)

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to Special Closed Session with City Council at which Vice Mayor Jerry Carlson presided

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Brabenec