



Town of Atherton
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Tuesday, June 2, 2009
6:00 p.m.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
SPECIAL MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** J. Carlson, K. McKeithen, McPherson, Lively, Dudley, Maulbetsch, Ringham, Conlon, Janz, Quinlan

Quinlan was excused. McPherson arrived at 7:25 P.M.

Also present were Public Works Director Duncan Jones and Deputy City Clerk Theresa DellaSanta.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

Paul Jones, Atherton resident introduced himself and informed the Committee that he has an interest in this issue because he is approximately 200 feet from the Caltrain tracks and worked on the design of three different High Speed Rails in Spain and Korea.

Carlson said Martin Engel and Tony Wynne were also in the audience.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Motion by Lively, second by McKeithen to approve the April 7th regular Committee meeting minutes and the May 5th special meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **STAFF REPORTS - None**

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- **Altamont Commuter Rail Plans**
- **Other Matters**

No Action taken.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **FIXING A DATE FOR REPAIRING SURFACE OF ROAD AT THE FAIROAKS LANE CROSSING**

ACTION: Mayor Carlson suggested a letter from the Mayor to Mike Scanlon and in addition include a letter from the Police Department. The Committee agreed.

7. FIXING A DATE FOR INSTALLATION OF “OUT-ONLY” TELEPHONE AT ATHERTON TRAIN STATION

ACTION: Mayor Carlson suggested a letter from the Mayor to Mike Scanlon. The Committee agreed.

8. RESULTS AND NEXT TASKS RELATED TO MAY 28TH ATHERTON CIVIC INTEREST LEAGUE MEETING ON HIGH SPEED RAIL

ACTION: Maulbetsch will create a list of the names and contacts information for the legislators to contact regarding HSR.

9. PRESENTATION ON EUROSTAR HIGH SPEED TRAIN IN EUROPE

Presentation made by Committee Member Greg Conlon

A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerks office.

No action taken.

10. CALTRAIN DEFICIT PROPOSALS

No action taken.

11. TOWN OF ATHERTON ET AL V. HIGH SPEED RAIL COMMISSION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION

Mayor Carlson gave an overview of a recent meeting he attended held in Sacramento. Mayor Carlson asked for the Committees thoughts and recommendations on how the Town should respond to the Attorney who feels that Atherton may be able to push settlement.

Janz said that if the Town approaches the HSRA it would look like we are worried.

Conlon suggested another route that is acceptable and possibly cheaper. He added that Federal funds may be available.

Lively felt like Atherton should wait to hear what the HSRA will say.

ACTION: Mayor Carlson stated that he would like to propose to the Peninsula Cities Coalition to create a policy statement that all CEQA guidelines are followed and adhered to along the rail corridor. The committee supported it.

12. PENINSULA CITIES COALITION ON HIGH SPEED RAIL - UPDATE

No action taken.

13. ADJOURN

Motion by Maulbetsch, second by Ringham to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa DellaSanta
Deputy City Clerk