



**Town of Atherton  
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 7, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
94 Ashfield Road - Atherton, California  
REGULAR MEETING**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: J. Carlson, P. Lively, M. Dudley, J. Ringham, J. Janz, P. Jones, W. Grindley  
Excused: B. Widmer, R. Maulbetsch, G. Conlon, J. Quinlan

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS None**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES M/S Grindley/Ringham to approve the April 5, 2011 meeting minutes as read. Motion carried**

**4. STAFF REPORTS None**

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Status of High Speed Rail – William Grindley**

-No future Federal funds available and great number of issues still exist

- SB517 will change makeup of Board of HSR by January 2012, and be put under DOT

**Status of Caltrains Watkins Quad Gates – G. Conlon – on Hold**

**Jerry Carlson** – talked to JPB Jerry Deal to put week day service back to Atherton

**Jim Janz** – CC-HSR needs more funding, working with state. Lobbying for SB517

**Malcom Dudley** – JPB position is important to us. We need support of all cities on Peninsula

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**6. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO CONTINUE ENGAGING A HIGH SPEED RAIL LOBBYIST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 – J CARLSON**

General discussion on the effectiveness and satisfaction of having a lobbyist representing the Town on the HSR project. General consensus of committee was in favor of retaining Ravi.

**M/S Grindley/Jones** to retain the services of Ravi Mehta of Capitol Advocates until September 30, 2011 at \$5,000 per month. Motion carried.

**7. DISCUSS A POSSIBLE STRATEGY FOR CALTRAINS ELECTRIFICATION – P. Jones**

Paul Jones updated the committee on electrification. Caltrain says the MU trains will have faster running time between SF and SJ due to higher acceleration rates, and they will save energy. There is no suitable DMU engine available for Caltrain at this time. In conclusion, Paul would like to find a comparable diesel engine to their electric engine. Committee would like to continue this discussion item at the next meeting.

**8. ADJOURN: M/S Janz/Dudley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Motion carried.

**The next Regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2011**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Belmont, Recording Secretary