



**Town of Atherton
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

June 9, 2014

4:00 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

94 ASHFIELD ROAD
ATHERTON, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

- ROLL CALL** Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmember Bill Widmer (arrived at 4:34 p.m.)
Denise Kupperman
Swati Advani
Frank Merrill

Excused: Wen Yu

Staff Present: Lisa Costa Sanders, Deputy Town Planner
Andrea Mardesich, Associate Planner

- PUBLIC COMMENTS** None.
- COMMITTEEMEMBER REPORTS -** None.
- STAFF REPORTS** None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2014 Meeting**

M/S Advani/Kupperman to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2014 meeting.
Motion passed 2-0-1 (Merrill abstain).

- Presentation by Kunjun Shah, Harmful Chemicals in Common Building Materials**

Kunjun Shah, Los Altos Hills, expressed her concern with harmful chemicals in building materials. She noted that she is working on a presentation for Los Altos Hills and would be happy to attend a meeting to provide information to Atherton residents. Widmer suggested she present at a school and tape the presentation for more distribution. Ms. Shah will provide staff with written information for the Athertonian.

7. Presentation by Atherton Building Official – Green Building and LEED

Brett Hale reviewed the CalGreen code changes that went into effect in January 2014 and new energy requirements that will go into effect on July 1, 2014. He noted that any changes to the code requires approval by the State Energy Commission. Mr. Hale noted that the code also includes Tier 1 and Tier 2 green standards that could be required.

It was noted that outdoor water usage and possible leaks in sprinkler lines is an issue in Atherton. Staff will work on outreach information. Chair Kupperman also noted that the outreach should include information to residents not to fertilize this year due to lack of rain.

Mr. Hale reviewed new regulations that allow rain water capture and re-use and grey water applications. The State requirements include net zero energy usage for residence by 2020 and for commercial by 2030.

8. Climate Action Plan

Andrea Mardesich reviewed the potential measures for the Climate Action Plan. She noted the greenhouse gas reduction (GHG) target under AB 32 is 15% below the 2005 baseline by 2020. Atherton's reduction target for 2020 is 14,562 MTCO₂e. Ms. Mardesich noted that state level actions and polies count toward Atherton's GHG target. After the state policies are applied, Atherton's remaining reduction target is 2,795 MTCO₂e. Committee members reviewed potential measures and request staff come back with quantified information on how much each measure will reduce Atherton's GHG.

9. Discuss Future Agenda Items

Committee members agreed to discuss the Climate Action Plan at the next meeting and include Environmental Impacts of Construction and House Demolition Sales on weekends at the October meeting. The December meeting will include a discussion on a possible Earth Day event.

The regular meeting schedule will also be discussed at the next meeting. The August 11, 2014 meeting will be cancelled and a special meeting will be held on July 29 at 1:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.