



**Town of Atherton  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

**1:30 p.m.**

**ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

91 ASHFIELD ROAD  
ATHERTON, CALIFORNIA

**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Rick DeGolia  
Valerie Gardner  
Janet Larson  
William Grove

**Joined through Call:** Holly Joseph

**Absent:** Jasenka Rakas  
Elizabeth Lewis

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Bertollo-Davis, Senior Planner  
Robert Ovadia, Director of Public Works  
Nestor Delgado, Assistant Planner

Committee Vice-Chair Grove switched the order of agenda items 5 and 3.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**3. COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. Approval of the Minutes from September 17, 2018 Meeting**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**M/S Gardner/Larson      Aye: 3      Noes: 0      Excused: 2**

**B. Green Infrastructure Plan Development Consultant Participation**

Robert Ovadia, Town of Atherton Director of Public Works, presented the staff report. He mentioned that only one proposal was received.

Committee Member Gardner asked if PCB/Mercury was a problem in Town, and what the Town does regarding stormwater.

Robert Ovadia responded that it is a regional matter. Mr. Ovadia mentioned permeable matter is required for property street frontages in Town except in driveways. He also noted the proposed stormwater capture facility project.

Committee Member Gardner volunteered to join the Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan Committee.

Councilmember DeGolia asked who else is on the GI Committee.

Robert Ovadia answered staff from Public Works and Planning will participate on the Committee.

**C. Discussion on Revising Resolution No. 18-11 Governing Committees to Consider Increasing Number of Appointed EPC Members**

Committee member Gardner requested the committee move the discussion to a future meeting where there is a full committee present.

Committee member Grove noted 3 members will be terming out in 2019.

Councilmember DeGolia mentioned having terms for members be stacked to have a 2 year offset.

The Committee motioned to move the discussion to a future EPC meeting.

**M/S Grove / Larson Aye: 3 Noes: 0 Excused: 2**

**D. Discuss Position Letter from Town Regarding Nuclear Energies**

Sustainability Coordinator Delgado presented the memo.

Committee member Gardner presented the Committee with a study published by the Union of Concerned Scientists showing closing nuclear energy plants can lead to higher greenhouse gas emissions.

Senior Planner Davis noted a Committee member can be present at a future City Council Meeting to represent the EPC regarding a position letter should it be placed on a future Council agenda.

Committee Member Gardner volunteered to attend any future City Council meeting as an EPC representative.

Committee member Joseph suggested adding specific bullet points or numbered sections to the letter.

Senior Planner Davis mentioned the next City Council meeting will be held December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**E. Potential 2019 Earth Day Event**

Sustainability Coordinator Delgado presented the memo.

Committee member Joseph suggested a student challenge pertaining to home energy efficiency as a possible ongoing longer term project.

Committee member Gardner mentioned possibly starting an ongoing project on Earth Day, and suggested Town residents could collect data on their gardens and vegetation.

Councilmember DeGolia suggested a project that pertains to fire and air quality, and/or the Town's noticing system to the community. He also suggested a challenge to get students to think about creative ways to use technology.

Committee member Larson mentioned the possibility of starting in Fall to give students more time.

Committee members Larson and Joseph were appointed as the subcommittee for potential future EPC sponsored event.

**5. SET/ CONFIRM NEXT MEETING**

**A. Review and approve EPC Meeting calendar for 2019.**

The Committee reviewed and approved the 2019 EPC meeting calendar.

**6. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.