



**Town of Atherton
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**MARCH 21, 2019
1:30 p.m.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
94 ASHFIELD ROAD
ATHERTON, CALIFORNIA**

SPECIAL MEETING

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Holly Joseph
Valerie Gardner
Janet Larson
William Grove

Absent: Jasenka Rakas
Elizabeth Lewis

Staff Present: Stephanie Davies, Senior Planner
Nestor Delgado, Assistant Planner

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS:

The Committee moved item 4D to a later meeting.

Senior Planner Davis provided the Committee an update on the March 20, 2019 City Council Meeting. She mentioned City Council approved the proposed 2019 EPC Earth Day event, and that the Council has asked the EPC to evaluate the Climate Action Plan on an annual basis and provide program and policy recommendations regarding adopted implementation GHG reduction measures to the Council.

The Committee discussed the benefit of the Town possibly considering hiring a full or part time staff with environmental expertise.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Approval of the Minutes from February 28, 2019 Meeting

The minutes were approved as distributed.

M/S Gardner/Grove Aye: 3 Noes: 0 Excused: 2

B. Potential 2019 Earth Day Event

Committee Member Grove noted he received confirmation from Peter Drekmeier of his availability to speak at the event.

Committee Member Joseph explained the format of the event as three forty-five minute segments for speakers and/or panel discussions on topics regarding climate change. She mentioned the possibility of Town of Atherton Vice-Mayor Rick DeGolia moderating panel regarding energy.

Sustainability Coordinator Delgado mentioned staff from the San Mateo County Office of Sustainability is available to be present at the event.

The Committee created a subcommittee consisting of Committee Members Grove and Joseph to finish outreach efforts to potential event speakers.

The Committee directed staff to outreach to the Silicon Valley Clean Water organization for a potential speaker.

C. Discussion Regarding Leaf Blower Use in Town

Senior Planner Davis presented the memo.

Committee member Gardner noted differences in cost, energy, and convenience between electric and gas-powered leaf blowers.

The Committee directed staff to do additional research on leaf blowers to present at the next regularly scheduled EPC meeting in May.

5. SET/ CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

The Committee scheduled a special meeting in final preparations for the Earth Day event on April 18, 2019.

6. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.