



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE
December 2, 2008
6:00 p.m.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Janz called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Janz, McPherson, Lively, Dudley, Maulbetsch, Ringham, Conlon, Gruber

ABSENT: Jerry Carlson, Duncan Jones

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- McPherson discussed fundraising and estimates to support HSR lawsuit. It is estimated between 50 to 70k.
- Briefly discussed route HSR would ultimately take.
- McPherson discussed Palo Alto blog from the *Daily News* spoke frequently immanent domain Mountain View, Sunnyvale should also voice their concerns regarding immanent domain. Mayor Janz requested that City Manager Gruber contact City Attorney Marc Hynes regarding cities working together opposing HSR and if a JPA is needed

3. STAFF REPORTS

- Briefly discusses Quad Gates at Watkins Avenue to improve safety

REGULAR AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved by Lively and seconded by Ringham with one correction: MAG LEV in place of MEG LEV

5. DISCUSSION TUNNEL/TRENCH CONCEPT WITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM PALO ALTO

- Mayor Janz stated that he made several attempts to contact representatives from Palo Alto to discuss the tunnel and trench alternative. Mayor Janz finally heard back about 5:15 tonight and they were unable to attend.
- Jack Ringham handed out information regarding tunneling for high-speed rail. Jack briefly discussed the cost of the tunneling for HSR. Greg Conlon also discussed the cost of tunneling the HSR.

- Committee Members discussed the proposed routes for HSR and the overall business plan.
- Mayor Janz asked for Jack Ringham to include footnotes reference in his sources of information regarding cost estimates.

6. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH CALTRAIN/HSR

- Greg Conlon recommended that Mike Garvey come to the next Rail Committee meeting to discuss HSR and invited two Council Members from Menlo Park and Palo Alto Council when they are available to meet with the Rail Committee. Rosemary also recommended that Mountain View be involved. Jack Ringham stated that Jim Bigelow is going to have representatives from HSR at the next Menlo park Transportation Committee meeting.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Rosemary does not feel we should support HSR in full.
- Janz made comment regarding the funding of the lawsuit.
- Conlon and Ringham briefly discussed the MAG LEV concept.
- HSR is meeting tomorrow in San Jose.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Gruber