



Town of Atherton
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Thursday, March 11, 2010
6:00 p.m.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
94 Ashfield Road Atherton, California
SPECIAL MEETING

1. ROLL CALL

Present: J. Carlson, K. McKeithen, Dudley, Maulbetsch, Ringham, Conlon,
Janz, Quinlan, Jones
Absent: McPherson, Lively
Staff: J. Gruber, D. Jones

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brady – Menlo Park—getting ready to prepare a lawsuit pro-bono for various cities, and would include Atherton. Lawsuit would challenge 1) the need of matching funds from Federal government; 2) state must have money in bank to complete the corridor construction; and 3) several other issues could be challenged.

3. PRESENTATION - High Speed Rail Proposal

Mr. Ravi Mehta, Capitol Advocates, gave his presentation on his qualifications, experience, and knowledge of the legislative process. He then opened the floor for questions and discussion.

SPECIAL AGENDA

4. PROPOSAL FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SERVICES

Motion by McKeithen, second by Janz to hire Capitol Advocates and enter into an agreement with the understanding of: 1) for a minimum of one year at a monthly retainer of \$5,000, plus necessary expenses; 2) that they are given clear direction by the Town as to what to do and what not to do; 3) to keep the Town advised of new developments; and 4) as we join with other cities to use our information/knowledge as a conduit for the PCC to utilize in their endeavors. Motion unanimous.

5. CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL PROGRAM LEVEL EIR

Committeemembers to review EIR and send comments to City Engineer Jones. Mr. Jones to prepare a letter with new comments to CHSRA and bring back to April 6th meeting.

6. CALTRAIN FINAL ELECTRIFICATION EA/EIR

Request for approval letter to Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board regarding CalTrain Electrification Final Environmental Assessment/EIR, along with staff report, on City Council meeting agenda for March 17th.

7. **NEW PATTERNS ON CALTRAIN HORNS**
Possible have residents record decibels, time and train numbers and report to JPB
No action taken.
8. **PENINSULA CITIES CONSORTIUM COST SHARING AND GOALS**
Need to invite Unions, get more people interested and create an “outreach” program.
No action taken.
9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2010
10. **ADJOURN** Chairman Carlson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bellmont
Recording Secretary