



Town of Atherton
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Tuesday, August 3, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
94 Ashfield Road Atherton, California
REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** Jerry Carlson, Kathy McKeithen, Mike McPherson, Jack Ringham, Greg Conlon, Jim Janz, Julie Quinlan, Paul Jones, William Grindley
ABSENT Rosemary Maulbetsch Phil Lively, Malcolm Dudley
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – M/S Grindley/Janz to approve the minutes of June 1, 2010 as read. Motion carried.
4. **STAFF REPORTS** – PW Director Jones reported that the quad gates at Fair Oaks have been completed and the fencing was pending.
5. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS**
Jerry Carlson reported that Mr. Van Ark had toured potential sites in Menlo Park, Atherton and Burlingame. Ravi to follow-up.
Jerry, Greg, William and Julie will attend Thursday's CHSR Board Meeting
Greg Conlon commented on his letter to Mr. Doty CHSRA regarding preliminary AA report
PW Director Jones reiterated Town's consensus for undergrounding

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION EA/EIR ISSUES** - presentations given by William Gridley and Jack Ringham

Paul Jones presented a draft letter to the mayors/councils of Belmont, MP and PA regarding Caltrain implementing a reliable positive train control system rather than on electrification.
7. **DISCUSSION OF CITY OF ORANGE RESOLUTION OPPOSING HSR**
Jim Janz reclused himself
Discussion and rewording of sample resolution. Emphasize that Town does not oppose the HSR generally, but opposes the construction as proposed.

Add paragraph #2: *whereas, the Town of Atherton supports the concept of the high speed rail, but believes it must be supported by an independent peer review approved independent investment grade business plan, including environmental concerns; and*

Paragraph #3: *delete like Atherton*

Paragraph #7: *delete last sentence*

Paragraph #8 after resolved: *notwithstanding its support for HSR generally,*

Delete: last sentence

Replace with: the City Council of the Town of Atherton does hereby oppose the construction of the CHSR Authority's proposed plan.

M/S Grindley/Jones to modify the language of the resolution as noted and to recommend approval at the next City Council meeting of August 18, 2010. Motion carried.

- 8. DISCUSSION OF BROWN ACT AS PERTAINS TO RAIL COMMITTEE – No action**
- 9. UPDATE QUAD GATE/COST EST. @WATKINS – staff to bring back next meeting**
- 10. UPDATE ON PCC MEETINGS – next meeting this Friday**
- 11. DISCUSS CHSRA'S PROJECTED TAKINGS OF ATHERTON PROPERTIES BY EMINANT DOMAIN – PW Director Jones to get ROW widths and report back**
- 12. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**
- 13. ADJOURN - M/S Grindley/Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion carried.**

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Respectfully submitted

**Judy Belmont
Recording Secretary
Public Works Department**