



**Town of Atherton
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE**

Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

94 Ashfield Road

Atherton, California

REGULAR MEETING

Council Member Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** Jerry Carlson, Kathy McKeithen, Mike McPherson, Phil Lively, Malcolm Dudley, Rosemary Maulbetsch, Jack Ringham, Greg Conlon, Jim Janz, Julie Quinlan, Paul Jones, William Grindley

Phil Lively and Kathy McKeithen were absent.

Grindley was excused.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 12, 2010 meeting minutes**

Motion by Jones, second by Ringham to approve the October 12, 2010 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PRESENTATION** - Presentation: "High-Speed Rail - Lessons Learned from Europe" by Jean-Claude Guez: Board member Eurostar, Consultant to TGV, (French HSR System), Retired Partner: Accenture, Global Management Consultants

Jean-Claude Guez gave a presentation on the High Speed Rail in Europe. A copy of the presentation can be obtained from the City Clerks Department.

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS –
-Possible comments/questions with Supervisor-Elect Don Horsley**

Council Member Carlson introduced newly elected San Mateo County Board of Supervisor Don Horsley. Horsley was present for the presentation.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO SIGN A LETTER CREATED BY THE CITIES OF PALO ALTO AND BURLINGAME REQUESTING TO RESET THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR CALTRAIN AND HIGH SPEED RAIL ON THE PENINSULA**

Committee members did not agree to sign the letter in its current form. Committee members discussed altering the letter.

7. DISCUSS CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND POSSIBLE RESPONSE

No Action Taken.

8. CALTRAINS IMPROVEMENTS TO FAIR OAKS AND RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR TOWN POLICY REGARDING NOTIFICATION FROM CALTRAINS ON IMPROVEMENTS

Maultbetsch felt that the Town needs to be alerted of any improvements made by Caltrains. Public Works Director Jones said she would talk to Caltrains representatives directly.

9. DISCUSSION OF DIRECTING TOWN LOBBYIST (CAPITOL ADVOCATES) TO SURVEY LEGISLATORS ON HIGH SPEED RAIL

Janz suggested that Ravi Mehta survey individual legislators for their opinion on High Speed Rail to help get Senator Simitian some more support. Quinlan felt Mehta should be out talking to more Republicans.

10. ADJOURN

Council Member Carlson adjourned the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa DellaSanta
Deputy City Clerk