



**Town of Atherton  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**March 5, 2013**

**2:00 p.m.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

91 ASHFIELD ROAD  
ATHERTON, CALIFORNIA

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmember Jim Dobbie  
Councilmember Bill Widmer  
Denise Kupperman  
Swati Advani

**Excused:** Frank Merrill  
John Siambis

**Staff Present:** George Rodericks, City Manager  
Lisa Costa Sanders, Deputy Town Planner  
Andrea Mardesich, Associate Planner

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (only for items, which are not on the agenda - limit of 3 minutes per person)

None.

3. **COMMITTEEMEMBER REPORTS**

None.

4. **STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. **Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

M/S Dobbie/Advani to appoint Councilmember Bill Widmer as Chair.

Motion Passed: 4-0.

Denise Kupperman was nominated as Vice Chair.

Motion Passed: 4-0.

**6. Establish Regular Meeting Schedule**

Staff will poll members to determine if the first Tuesday of every other month will work for Committee members and report back. The next regular meeting is May 7, 2013.

**7. Discuss Future Agenda Items**

The Committee discussed possible agenda items, listed below. At the next meeting, the Committee will prioritize the items.

- Earth Day- April 22, 2013
  - The Committee decided to hold a Special Meeting on March 12, 2013 (time to be determined) to discuss possible Earth Day Activities. Staff will poll members on the time. Potential event ideas: tree planting, bike to work or school, litter collection with a safe route to school event.
- Reduce Energy Consumption
  - Set Goals for reduction
  - Competition between neighborhoods
  - PG&E Representative to review data on Atherton energy consumption.
  - Steve Schmidt- High Energy Audits
  - Encourage use of solar
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- Efficiency of new construction (green building measures). Discuss with Building Official
- Street Paving (porous asphalt)
- Street Lights (LED)
- Noise Pollution
- Environmental Impacts of Construction
- Climate Action Plan Review
- Irrigation conservation

**8. Legal Presentation on Brown Act and Conflict of Interest**

This item was continued to a future date.

**9. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.