



Town of Atherton
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
94 Ashfield Road - Atherton, California
REGULAR MEETING

1.0 ROLL CALL

Paul Jones, Phil Lively, Malcolm Dudley, Jack Ringham, Greg Conlon, Jim Janz, Scott Lane

Councilmember Liaison: Cary Wiest

Staff: Mike Kashiwagi

Excused: Rosemary Maulbetsch

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved as Submitted.

Motion: Phil Lively

Second: Jack Ringham

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

None

5.0 REGULAR AGENDA

5a. Palo Alto Grade Separation and Trenching Study – no action taken

- Study overview provided by Richard Hackman, City of Palo Alto
- To date, no official action taken by Palo Alto City Council
- Next step is to engage stakeholders to identify preferred alternative

5b. Electrification FEIR Update – no action taken

- Overview of City Council discussion provided by Mike Kashiwagi
- January 21, 2015 City Council authorized Mayor to send Town comments to FEIR
- January 27, 2015 City Council met in closed session and authorized filing CEQA lawsuit challenging the adequacy of the FEIR

5c. Caltrain – Caltrain Staff

- 1. Caltrain Station Maintenance** – no action taken
 - Mike Kashiwagi reported receipt of letter from Rosemary Maulbetsch outlining station maintenance deficiencies
 - Based upon information provided, staff will send letter to Caltrain
- 2. Quad Gates** – no new information provided
- 3. Hold Out Rule Status** – no action taken
 - Overview of alternatives studies present by Caltrain staff
 - No funding available

5d. Potential Proposition 1A Litigation

- Overview provided by Mike Brady
- Central Valley Prop 1A lawsuit going to trial Summer 2015
- Identified issues regarding the use of Prop 1A funding for Caltrain Electrification
 - Funding plan never provided for Peninsula HSR
 - Project termination at 4th and King vs Transbay terminal
 - Failure to meet SoCal to SF travel time requirement
- Mike Brady restated continued offer to represent the Town at no cost
- Actions taken by Rail Committee – Jim Janz did not participate
 - Supports continued representation by Mike Brady
 - Mike Brady to prepare draft complaint outlining scope/nature of lawsuit for City Council consideration
- Mike Brady recommended Town consider filing Prop 1A lawsuit in April 2015
- Mike Brady indicated CCHSR and TransDef would join Atherton

6.0 COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS

None

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Kashiwagi