



## Item No. 15 Town of Atherton

### **CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – CONSENT AGENDA**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER**

**FROM: THERESA DELLASANTA,  
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

**SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT TO THE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint Lida McCarthy to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

### **BACKGROUND**

At the November, 2014 City Council meeting, Council confirmed priorities and accepted the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The City Council budgeted funds to implement projects in the Master Plan. The Town also applied for Transportation Development Act (TDA) grants to fund design and construction of the Class III bike paths and improvements.

To continue to be eligible to apply for TDA funds, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requires that the Town have a Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). City Council established the BPAC in March and appointed five members and one City Council liaison in June.

Following the August community meeting to discuss the design of Class III routes and the implementation plan, an Atherton resident who was in attendance has requested appointment to the committee. The resident is very eager and enthusiastic on helping this committee.

### **ANALYSIS**

City Council Resolution 15-10 Governing Town Committees delineates that the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee *consists of at least five (5) members and one (1) Council Member liaison*. If the Council chooses to appoint this member the Resolution does not need modification.

### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no significant policy issues related to this item. The Council is not obligated to appoint the candidate.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with this agenda item being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in print and electronically. Information about the item is also disseminated via the Town's electronic News Flash and Atherton Online. There are approximately 1,200 subscribers to the Town's electronic News Flash publications. Subscribers include residents as well as stakeholders – to include, but be not limited to, media outlets, school districts, Menlo Park Fire District, service providers (water, power, and sewer), and regional elected officials.

In addition, staff has been specifically soliciting for volunteers for over month via electronic notification.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Application from Lida McCarthy



# COMMISSION/COM APPLICATION

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**Please type or print clearly. You may attach additional pages, if necessary. Page 1 and 2 are a public document.**

Date: 8/22/2015 \_\_\_\_\_

Commission/Committee of Interest: Atherton Bicycle Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Lida McCarthy \_\_\_\_\_

Education: Northeast Louisiana University: Biology  
Chico State University: Sociology \_\_\_\_\_

Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions or committees:  
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities:

My understanding of this commission is that its focus is to assist the City of Atherton in the implementation and installation of designated bicycle lanes, and high visibility alert signage throughout the City of Atherton's roadways.  
I feel that as a resident of Atherton since 1968, and an avid road cyclist since the age of 13, I am uniquely qualified to speak on behalf of cyclists in my community.  
Moreover, I use Atherton's roadways on a daily basis as a cyclist, and I personally know what is safe and what is not, all too well!

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Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member:

As a member of the Atherton Bicycle Committee, I hope to lend my very personal knowledge and experience as a woman cyclist, in the effort to make Atherton's roadways safer for not just cyclists, but for pedestrians alike.

As a child growing up in Atherton, I used to ride my bicycle to Las Lomas Elementary School. I think it would be wonderful if parents today felt that our Atherton roads were safe enough for their children to ride their bicycles to school, as I did as a child.

Additionally, I feel that my lifetime of cycling, and my many years as a resident of Atherton, uniquely qualify me to become a member of this wonderful and necessary committee.

I think it would be a very progressive and beneficial step forward to make Atherton's roads safe enough, so that today's parents can feel confident that their children are riding in the safest road environment possible.

I strongly believe that the implementation of bicycle lanes will benefit our Atherton community greatly.

I feel that bicycle lanes will not just benefit cyclists; having a visible 'buffer' on our Atherton streets and roads will also benefit pedestrians as well, since there are no 'sidewalks' in Atherton.

It would be my honor and privilege to serve as a member of the Atherton Bicycle Committee

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**Terms**

Term expiration dates end on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. However certain Committee may be set up for specific purposes with no expiration dates. Appointed committee/commission members shall serve no more than two full consecutive terms on the committee or commission to which they are appointed. A member may be reappointed to the committee or commission following a minimum two (2) year hiatus. However, if a seat is vacant and no one applies, City Council may grant an exemption.

**Specific Information**

Serving on a commission or committee may require occasional attendance at night meetings. You may also be asked to serve on additional subcommittees. Members are expected to attend all meetings. Unexcused absences of members, other than City Council Members, from two or more consecutively scheduled meetings shall result in the automatic vacation of the member's office. Members are not paid for their volunteer service. General information related to the rules, procedures and charge of the commissions and committees and their schedules are shown in the City Council approved Resolution attached. Further information may be obtained by viewing the Towns Official Roster of Committees and Commissions on its website at [www.ci.atherton.ca.us](http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us) and/or by contacting the staff liaison.

**Information about the Appointment Process**

The application process may take from six weeks to two months. Vacancies are advertised for approximately 30 days with a specific filing deadline. Deadlines may be extended. Please return your application, along with any attachments, to the City Clerk, at the address listed below. Applications are kept on file for one year. The City Council will review all applications, may contact you individually or may decide to hold interviews. In some cases, City Council may appoint a subcommittee to screen applications before they are brought to the entire Council. All appointments will be made by nomination and vote of the City Council at a Council meeting. Questions about the application process should be directed to Theresa DellaSanta, City Clerk, at (650) 752-0529 or by e-mail at [tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us).

\_\_Lida McCarthy\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature

Date 8/22/2015

**Return to the City Clerk, Town of Atherton,  
91 Ashfield Road, CA 94027  
(Phone: (650) 752-0529 or e-mail at [tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us))**

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<b>Application Received:</b> _____	<b>Address Verified in Town Limits:</b> By: _____ Initials
<b>Considered by City Council:</b> _____	<b>Appointed:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**If Appointed Term ends:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: Residency within the Town limits is required)

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years as an Atherton resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address/Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Internet Posting**

If I am appointed, the City is authorized to post the following information on the City's website:

	YES	NO
Home Address:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E-mail:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>