

Council Report for May 17, 2017 Council Meeting -- Rick DeGolia

**April 17—San Mateo Library JPA Donor Subcommittee Meeting**

Met with other members of the Library Donor Subcommittee. After a long discussion and some dissension, the subcommittee voted to unanimously to recommend to the JPA Governing Board that (1) any changes to the JPA Agreement regarding treatment of Donor Funds will not take effect until AFTER Atherton's new library has been opened to the public and (2) the modification to treatment of Donor funds will be to split the Donor Funds 50/50 between the applicable Donor City and the SMC Library AFTER the deduction of costs for facilities maintenance and the purchase of approved material and equipment by the Donor City.

**April 18 -- Atherton Employee Recognition Lunch**

**April 18 -- Information Technology Committee Meeting**

Attended this meeting with Council member Widmer to meet with representatives of Atherton Fiber to move their deployment in Atherton forward.

**April 19 -- Peninsula Clean Energy Press Conference**

Attended press conference with 6-7 members of the Peninsula Clean Energy Board and members of staff to announce the completion of the rollover of PG&E customers in San Mateo County to PCE. PCE is now the largest CCA in California, with approximately 300,000 customers in San Mateo County.

**April 20 and 24 – Peninsula Clean Energy meeting with representatives of San Jose City Council**

Attended a meeting and a follow up phone call with 2 other PCE Board members and staff and representatives of the San Jose Mayor and city staff to explore working together on clean energy for San Jose.

**April 24-- Atherton Fiber**

Met with Ryan DeLong, Paxio and Atherton Fiber, to explore Atherton Fiber's rollout of aerial fiber in the western Atherton Avenue area.

**April 25 -- Council Meeting at the Main House to engage in Goal Setting**

Attended meeting with Council and staff to discuss goal setting for the next few years.

**April 26 -- Meeting with Rob Silano, member of the Fire District Board**

**April 27 -- Optimizing Block Design For Utility-Scale Solar With String Inverters**

Attended web conference re: technical issues related to PCE utility-scale solar development.

**April 27 -- PCE Board of Directors meeting**

Attended monthly Board meeting for 22 members of the PCE JPA Board of Directors.

**May 3 -- City Council Study Session**

**May 9 -- Weekly Atherton Heritage Association Meeting**

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**SBWMA:** Attended Board meetings as well as individual meetings with Executive Director, the Agency Attorney and the HF&H President and VP who worked on the contract extension team. I spent time reviewing the changes in the contract and gaining a very concise understanding of how the pricing was developed and how changes will be made going forward should Atherton agree to the contract without any further modifications. I also participated in SBWMA Finance Committee meetings to review the 2017/18 Budget and Capital Improvement Plans.

The Council was briefed on the new contract at the May Study Session and agreed the Trash Rate Sub Committee review the contract and financial impact in detail and recommend next steps for the Council to consider. Staff is working to arrange a time for the week of 22 May or the following week.

**Earth Day:** I attended the Earth Day event and was impressed with the organization and pleased with the turn out. I spent time with each of the tables and met with a number of residents. Feedback was positive and I am looking forward to next year's event and would support an increase in funding to include a movie (again) and keynote speaker. The question of course is where to hold it. The feedback was that the Civic area was great—much more than the park. Some planning is necessary.

**PCE:** I attended a meeting as the alternate and agreed to participate in establishing a Citizen's Advisory Board. This included development of an application form and participating in interviewing applicants. 38 residents of San Mateo and Saudi resident applied. All applications were reviewed and the top 20 selected for interviews (afew more were then added). 30-40 minute interviews were held and continue to be held with the final recommendation of the top 12-15 being made at the May Board meeting.

**Bike/Ped Committee:** Participated in planning and scheduled meeting for this committee. At the April meeting final recommendations for CIP inclusion were made and subsequently presented at the Council meeting. Of note: some of our Class III signage has been consolidated and/or reduced where road repair is taking place or where the laminate signs were failing (corrected or removed and under warranty). The committee is collecting feedback on these changes for future modifications and new projects. PW and APD are active and welcome participants at these meetings.

**HPPF:** Attended regular monthly meetings. Nothing key to report since completion of the Event Garden. The plaque recognizing the tree donors will be installed shortly. The plaque is here and the Rocks are also delivered awaiting placement. Frank has ask that I help him (again) to finish cleaning out the HPPF/Friends(Dames) office in the Main House. This should occur in afew weeks.

**Technology Steering Committee:** At a recent meeting AF informed the Town that they had partnered with Paxio to install the fiber in Town). They are currently starting this project which includes doing surveys of areas for equipment installation and poles and conduits for stringing fiber. They are currently contacting residents who signed up on the web to start to get an idea of how they will proceed. The verbally described plan included initiation of Backbone fiber installation in July with a targeted light up in September. Homes will come after that. We suggested they find a "street to the home" contractor who could provide the connection service and vet them so a turnkey package could be offered.

AF described a proposed pricing structure which needs further discussion as surveys of the industry indicate it may not be competitive. Discussions are tentatively scheduled for the end of the month.

**Discussion with Residents:** Multiple in-person, phone and email exchanges with residents on a variety of subjects. These include: Construction issues, Civic Center Measure A (both pro and con), Bike Lanes, Oak Grove intersection and Bike Lanes, Middlefield Bike Lanes, Park improvements, loose dogs in the Park, Town Budget, Parcel Tax and the Council's continued assessment of the Parcel Tax when it was just going into reserve.

I am available to discuss any of the above items if clarification or expansion is deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Widmer