



Draft Minutes
ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011 AT 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 94 ASHFIELD ROAD

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers: Mayor Jim Dobbie, Councilmember Kathy McKeithen
Alternate Council Member Lewis was present in place of Dobbie

Committee Members: John Ruggeiro, Erv Ericksen, Larry Sweeney,
Joan Solari, Jean Schaaf

Council member McKeithen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of September 13, 2011 meeting

MOTION by Sweeney, second by Ericksen to approve the minutes. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Lewis abstaining since she was not present at the September 13th meeting.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS: - None.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Roberta, Atherton resident, discussed the increased traffic number on Middlefield and how dangerous it is becoming.

Virginia Ruggerio commended the Police Department for their enforcement on Stockbridge Avenue.

5.0 PRESENTATIONS: - None.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS:

6.1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO IMPLEMENT “KEEP CLEAR ZONES” AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF MIDDLEFIELD @WATKINS, MIDDLEFIELD @FAIR OAKS, AND MIDDLEFIELD @LINDEN AND MIDDLEFIELD @ JAMES – Barbara Peyton – Flood Circle

Barbara Peyton, Atherton resident, noted that it is nearly impossible to make a left turn out of the Lindenwood gate or James gate. Motorists rarely give you the opportunity to make a left turn. Peyton wondered if a “keep clear” marking would solve the problem.

Sweeney said the traffic does seem worse than ever and wondered if the signal timing is off.

Sergeant Kockler said the keep clear signs are legal and the vehicle code would allow the police to cite motorists who stop on them.

Kashiwagi will look into costs and bring back to Council for final approval. He noted that the signs would need to be repainted every year.

Solari did not support the “keep clear” signs because people should not stop in crosswalks/intersections as it is, and the Town is already full of traffic signals and signs.

McKeithen felt that if it makes it simpler and safer at a minimal cost then it should be tested.

MOTION by Sweeney, second by Schaaf to recommend to City Council to approve a 3 month trial to keep intersections clear on Middlefield at James and Watkins. The motion passed 5-2 (Lewis & Solari opposed).

6.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RE-CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF “NO PARKING OR NO STOPPING” SIGNS IN FRONT OF 273 ALAMEDA – James Atwell for Gelbrich Family

James Atwell representing the Gelbrich family stated that he is requesting the Committee reconsider their request for no parking or stopping signs in front of their home on 273 Alameda.

Schaaf visited the property and felt they needed help because the traffic is so bad. Sweeney agreed.

Ericksen recommended putting mirrors up at the end of the driveway as a trial.

MOTION by McKeithen, second by Schaaf to approve the no stopping sign in front of 273 Alameda. The motion passed 4-2-1 (Solari & Ericksen opposed) (Lewis abstaining).

6.3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING “YIELD” SIGN, PAINTING “YIELD” ON PAVEMENT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CATALPA AT LINDEN – Larry Sweeney

MOTION by Solari, second by Sweeney to approve item 6.3. The motion passed unanimously.

6.4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INSTALL A CROSSWALK AT THE INTERSECTION OF EMILIE AVENUE AND MACBAIN AVENUE – Kevin Conner – Menlo School

Kevin Connor made a presentation for the committee to consider installing a crosswalk at the intersection of Emilie and Macbain Avenue.

Public comment:

Ed Goodstein

Charles Marsala

Lou Paponis

David McAdoo, Sacred Heart Schools discussed what they can offer in terms of outreach to their neighbors.

MOTION by McKeithen, second by Solari to have staff attend a meeting with Sacred Heart Schools and parents, and report back to Council. The motion passed unanimously.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS:

7.1 Police Traffic Unit

A. Monthly Reports for September and October 2011

McKeithen and Solari commended the Police Department for the number of citations issued.

7.2 Public Works Department - Updates

Kashiwagi noted that staff will have the speed sign on Watkins Avenue fixed by the end of the week.

8.0 SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2012

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted
Theresa N. DellaSanta
Deputy City Clerk