



Draft Minutes
ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011 AT 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 94 ASHFIELD ROAD

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL: - All present

Councilmembers: Mayor Jim Dobbie, Councilmember Kathy McKeithen

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

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of January 11, 2011

MOTION by Ericksen, second by Solari to approve the January 11, 2011 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS: - None

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: - None

5.0 PRESENTATIONS: - None

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS:

6.1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER ROUNDABOUT AT ALAMEDA AND ATHERTON AVENUE

Public Works Director Jones measured some roundabouts already installed in Modesto, California and compared them to the area for consideration in Atherton. Jones said they would fit and would cost approximately \$250,000.

McKeithen asked for specific cost figures from Modesto and Santa Barbara to compare the difference. McKeithen said she is concerned with construction and engineering costs and how the residents in the area would feel about a roundabout.

Staff will follow up with space needs (apart from the actual roundabout), cost figures, review any studies on noise, vibration or dirt, review potential jurisdictional issues with crosswalks, and requirements for vegetation.

Dobbie said he wouldn't support the roundabout considering the current financial situation. He said he wouldn't support spending staff time on further review.

Sweeney said he spoke to a Caltrans engineer who estimated that a roundabout could end up costing upwards into the millions.

McKeithen suggested putting information into the next Athertonian alerting residents that the Town is considering the idea.

Dobbie said he doesn't think it is a high priority and staff shouldn't pursue it. Solari agreed.

The Committee agreed to put it in the next Athertonian to solicit thoughts from the residents.

6.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RE-CONSIDER LIGHTED CROSSWALK AT SELBY LANE AND EL CAMINO REAL

Public Works Director Jones said he will continue to talk with Selby School officials to get counts taken by the crossing guard of the numbers of students crossing El Camino Real to get to school. The pedestrian volumes would need to meet the warrants required by Caltrans to install in-roadway lighted crosswalks on a state highway.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS:

7.1 Police Traffic Unit

A. Monthly Reports for January, February 2011

Solari thanked the Police Department for the increase in citations over the last two months. She added that presence and enforcement has made a significant difference.

The Committee asked if the Town can provide more motorcycle officers for traffic enforcement.

Sergeant Kockler said staffing has been so much that the Police Department can only provide the basic necessities.

Chief Guerra will look into the idea of employing 2 stationary officers during heavy traffic periods, particularly on the main streets.

7.2 Public Works Department - Updates

A. Valparaiso@Hoover Crosswalk - The consultant has completed the design and the project is ready to advertise. Approval to advertise is required from Caltrans now that the plans and cost estimate are completed.

B. Holbrook Lane Closure – Scheduled for action by City Council on March 16, 2011

C. Striping and signage project update – Waiting on funding.

D. Acorn/Catalpa/Greenoaks – 3-Way STOP - awaits dry weather for striping, with an estimated completion at the end of March.

8.0 SET NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regular meeting is schedule to be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Theresa N. DellaSanta
Deputy City Clerk