



MINUTES
ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010 AT 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 94 ASHFIELD ROAD

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor McKeithen

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Kathy McKeithen, Vice Mayor Jim Dobbie
Committee Members Present: Paponis, Ruggeiro, Ericksen, Sweeney, Solari
Staff Members Present: Jones, Guerra, Kockler

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M/S Paponis/Sweeney to approve the minutes of May 11, 2010 as read. Motion carried.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Bill Widmer – 158 Glenwood would like Town to consider speed cameras. Mayor McKeithen explained that the committee had looked into the cameras previously and decided against them. She would be happy to explain their findings to him after the meeting. Not legal so far in California per Chief Guerra.

Virginia Ruggeiro – Stockbridge to consider rumble strips like on Bay Bridge
PW Director Jones said they are for very rural areas and would be too noisy for Atherton

5.0 PRESENTATIONS: None

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS:

6.1 DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR RE-CONSIDERATION OF “NO THROUGH TRAFFIC” ADVISORY SIGN INTO MAPLE MANOR FROM OAK GROVE AND MIDDLEFIELD – Cherry Lorenzini – No action taken

6.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS TO THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION BY SAN MATEO COUNTY OF A STOP SIGN AT RINGWOOD AND COLEMAN AVENUES – Jon Windham 48 Lowery/San Mateo County/City Menlo Park

PW Director Jones gave some background information on making Coleman a safer crossing and that it is part of the SR2S grant.

Vic Mayor Dobbie highlighted Mr. Windham’s letter.

Chip Taylor, MP Transportation Committee, explained that there would be a flashing crosswalk at Edge and the crossing guard would be moved to Coleman.

Committee recommends support of the Stop sign at Coleman/Ringwood. Unanimous.

6.3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND MODIFYING THE CENTERLINE MARKING POLICY ON ATHERTON AVENUE AND FAIR OAKS LANE AT ECR TO ONE RIGHT-TURN LANE AND ONE THROUGH/LEFT TURN LANE IN EACH DIRECTION

Vice Mayor Dobbie would like to see reflectors on the white markers as you turn left off ECR. PW Director Jones said the restriping could be added to the Summer striping program.

M/S Dobbie/Ruggeiro recommend to the City Council to accept the modification of the centerline marking policy on Atherton Avenue and Fair Oaks Lane at ECR to one right-turn lane and one through/left turn lane in each direction. Motion carried.

6.4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF “NO PARKING BETWEEN 8:00AM TO 5:00PM, MON-FRI ON SURREY LANE AND SIMILAR NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON MIDDLEFIELD ROAD AT SURREY LANE –

Thomas McKay – 2 Surrey Lane handed out diagram of three alternatives for “No Parking” restrictions on Surrey Lane.

Steve Hailey – 3 Surrey Lane agrees with site distance restrictions and “No Parking” only on one side of Surrey Lane.

Michael Charney – 4 Surrey Lane did not like restricting parking. Would it change after completion of construction at Encinal School?

M/S Dobbie/Sweeney have PW Director Jones meet with the 4 residents on Surrey Lane regarding temporary parking and site distance issues and come up with a viable solution to present to City Council for resolution. Motion carried.

6.5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF A THREE-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CATALPA DRIVE AND ACORN WAY – Susan Diekman - 140 Catalpa

M/S McKeithen/Dobbie to recommend to the City Council to accept the modification of the centerline marking policy to create a three-way stop at the intersections of Acorn Way at Catalpa and Acorn at Greenoaks. Motion carried.

6.6 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES’ FAIR OAKS LANE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY – FINAL REPORT

Norman Wong of Kimly Horn gave an overview of their findings: approx. 5,000 cars daily; 85th percentile were traveling 32 mph and 13% were doing < 25 mph. Options to consider: 1) roundabouts; 2) electric speed/radar signs; 3) Stop sign w/b Fair Oaks; and 4) feasibility of speed “humps” or “lumps.”

Kimly Horn recommendation: meet with Menlo Fire to determine their preference of humps or lumps; add 3-way stop at Fair Oaks and Station Lane and add crosswalk and stop bars.

M/S McKeithen/Sweeney to approve the concept of the study and to develop a budget for 2011. Also meet with Menlo Fire and residents prior to start of project to determine their preference of the various roadway improvements. Motion carried.

6.7 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER “NO RIGHT TURNS” OFF OAK GROVE ON TO TOYON AND EDGE, EXCEPT FOR RESIDENTS, BETWEEN 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Gene Rauen – No action taken

7.0 STAFF REPORTS:

7.1 Police Traffic Unit

- A. Monthly Reports for May and June 2010
- B. Update – Hsu 97 Isabella - Mr. Hsu said neighbors were not in favor of radar or lights. Maybe consider speed lumps or mirrors. PW Director Jones and Mr. Hsu to meet to consider options and present at September meeting.
- C. Update - Police traffic complaint process – complaints being recorded and letters sent
- D. Update - Alejandra resident permit parking survey–still working with residents
- E. Update – Stockbridge @ Shearer – radar sign – considering options

7.2 Public Works Department

- A. Update - Sacred Heart Master Plan Traffic Mitigation Alternatives – traffic light at Elena best solution. Working on permits and EIR
- B. Update - Valparaiso @ Hoover Crosswalk – on Menlo’s Transportation agenda
- C. Update - Alameda @ Stockbridge 4-way STOP – under study but traffic counters not working. Buying new ones
- D. Update – Encinal/Middlefield Traffic Signal – work has begun

8.0 SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 2010

9.0 ADJOURNMENT: M/S Paponis/Solari to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bellmont
Recording Secretary