



MINUTES
ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:00 PM -
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 94 ASHFIELD ROAD

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL:

Council Members: Elizabeth Lewis and Cary Wiest

Committee Members: Gary Lauder, Michael Lempres, John Ruggeiro (Committee Vice Chair)
Larry Sweeney (Committee Chair), Mary Widmer

Call to order at 6:00pm.

Committee Members Lempres and Widmer were not present.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of May 2013 meeting

Minutes approved as submitted.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

3.1 Atherton Future Transportation Issues Subcommittee (AFTIS)

Committee Member Sweeney said no meetings have taken place yet.

Committee Member Sweeney has been inventorying local schools, and would like to inventory local businesses, to see which are causing traffic concerns in the Town of Atherton.

Committee Member Sweeney has been reviewing the Environmental Impact Reports for the Facebook expansion and the Menlo Gateway Project.

Council Member Lewis asked staff to locate grant money through the state to help alleviate traffic impacts as a result of the above projects.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Open discussion items not on the agenda

Betsy Colby, 45 Linden Avenue, brought up the following concerns:

1) Parking concerns on Linden Avenue.

Sergeant Kockler advised parking on Linden Avenue was permitted as long as no private driveways were blocked, no vehicles were parked within 15 feet either side of a fire hydrant, and no signs were present which regulate parking.

2) Left turn concerns from southbound El Camino Real to eastbound Fair Oaks Lane, and from northbound El Camino Real to westbound Atherton Avenue.

Committee Member Sweeney requested staff complete a report on the intersection of El Camino Real and Atherton Avenue / Fair Oaks Lane.

Discussion took place about the recent re-paving of the roadway and the placement of "Bots Dots" on the roadway surface to guide drivers while making the left hand turns.

3) Street light post missing from the corner of Linden Avenue and Elm Place.

City Engineer Siebert will look into this concern.

5.0 PRESENTATIONS: None.

No presentations were made.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS:

6.1 OLD BUSINESS: (STATUS OF)

a. Stop or yield signs – Linden at Laburnum/Juniper at Catalpa

It was unknown if the trees and shrubbery had been cut back. Staff will respond to the scene to check on the status of trees and shrubbery.

Staff will contact Code Enforcement and then send out a tree trimming crew if homeowners do not take care of tree trimming.

b. Crosswalk – Middlefield at Watkins

City Engineer Siebert talked with the City of Menlo Park regarding lighted crosswalks and flags. City Engineer Siebert said there have been no auto v. pedestrian collisions in Menlo Park at the locations with lighted crosswalks and flags.

City Engineer Siebert said the City of Menlo Park did not have statistics on the usage of the lighted crosswalks and flags.

City Engineer Siebert said the flags cost about \$2.00 each, and signage and flag holders would cost approximately \$500.

Council Member Wiest said the flags would be option #1.

The flags will be put on a future City Council agenda with approval from the City Manager.

c. Street light outage status

City Engineer Siebert reported the street lights have been repaired in Lloyden Park.

City Engineer Siebert said the long-term plan is to put out a Request for Qualifications to have an engineer evaluate the street light system within the Town of Atherton.

d. Speeding on Fredrick

Sergeant Kockler gave an update on enforcement actions on Fredrick Avenue.

Sergeant Kockler gave an update on the “No Through Traffic” signs, and explained why enforcement would be difficult.

This item will be removed from upcoming Transportation Committee agendas.

e. Alameda/Stockbridge collisions

City Engineer Siebert discussed the inability to review traffic collision reports from other jurisdictions. Committee Member Lauder recommended trimming shrubbery and re-painting the limit lines to improve safety and visibility.

This item will be left on the Transportation Committee agenda as a “status-check.”

6.2 NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS: None.

7.1 Police Traffic Unit

Monthly Report for May, June 2013

Sergeant Kockler reviewed the monthly Police Traffic Reports for May of 2013 and June of 2013.

7.2 Public Works Updates: - None to report

City Engineer Siebert stated the Cape Seal project was nearing completion.

City Engineer Siebert stated the Town has had problems with the Cape Seal contractor.

City Engineer Siebert said the first Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on July 12, 2013 at 9:00am at the Town of Atherton.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE: September 10, 2013

The November meeting has been tentatively changed to Thursday, November 7, 2013.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Anthony Kockler
Recording Secretary