



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
CITY COUNCIL
ATHERTON CHANNEL DRAINAGE DISTRICT
APRIL 4, 2009
9:00 A.M
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** Lewis, Dobbie, Marsala, J. Carlson, McKeithen

CONSENT

2. **Appointment of Larry Colof to the Arts Committee and Julie Quinlan and Jim Janz to the Rail Committee**

MOTION by McKeithen, second by Lewis to appoint Larry Colof to the Arts Committee and Julie Quinlan and Jim Janz to the Rail Committee.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

REGULAR AGENDA (Items)

3. **Interviews and Appointments for the Transportation Committee, Audit Committee, Environmental Programs Committee, General Plan Committee and the Planning Commission**

Mayor Jerry Carlson stated that the Council planned to bring each applicant to the podium for questions and answers. After that was done for each Committee group the Council would vote on who they will select.

Transportation Committee Interviews

Carlson called forward applicant Katherine Morganroth for the Transportation Committee.

Katherine Morganroth, Atherton resident, stated she is currently a stay at home Mom who had previously worked in public affairs for 10 years working in management at Pacific, Gas & Electric.

Vice Mayor Kathy McKeithen asked Morganroth why she hadn't attended any Transportation Committee meetings in the past. Morganroth said she is a new resident to Atherton and is trying to get involved.

McKeithen asked what issues Morganroth can add her experience to. Morganroth said she can help with road repairs especially the repairs on her own street.

Council Member Charles Marsala asked Morganroth what she did during the energy crisis while she worked at PG&E. Morganroth said she worked in the corporate office as project manager.

McKeithen asked if Morganroth is interested in the Arts Committee or Parks and Recreation Committee. Morganroth said yes.

Louis Paponis, Atherton resident, stated that he had been on the Transportation Committee for several years and has only missed 1 meeting. He added that he researches every item on the Agenda and analyzes it to the best of his ability.

Marsala asked if he had any insights on current transportation issues. Paponis said the constriction of roadways in and out of Atherton is an issue and traffic is not compatible with the streets.

John Ruggeiro, Atherton resident, stated that he has been on the Committee for approximately 6 years. He added that he was instrumental in getting a lot of residential speed limits lowered from 30 to 25.

Larry Sweeney, Atherton resident, stated that he has been a resident of Atherton for approximately 30 years. He informed the Council that he has experience in Government programs, research and development, and intelligent transportation systems which is the development of communications through computer and electronics for transportation. Sweeney concluded that his main concerns are speeding and safety for pedestrians and vehicles.

Marsala said he is impressed with Sweeney's background. Marsala asked what kind of outreach would he implement. Sweeney said he would give residents the opportunity to purchase devices to put in their cars at no cost to experiment with the communications.

Carlson informed the Council that Erv Ericksen sent him a copy of a roster that shows the Council appointed him in June of 2008.

Joan Solari, Atherton resident, stated she is a 10 year resident of Atherton and was previously an elementary teacher. She added that she is a volunteer through the Atherton Dames.

Carlson informed the Council that there are 7 applicants and only 3 vacancies.

McKeithen said it would be very helpful to have applicants with different backgrounds. She suggested expanding the Committee to 7 members rather than 5. The Council agreed to bring this to the April 15th meeting for approval.

Council Recommendation for Transportation Committee members is Louis Paponis, John Ruggeiro, Larry Sweeney, Erv Ericksen, and Joan Solari. This will be brought to the April 15th meeting for appointment and expansion of the Committee.

Environmental Programs Committee

MOTION by Lewis, second by McKeithen to appoint Frank Merrill and Valerie Gardner to the Environmental Programs Committee.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Planning Commission Interviews

Council recommendation for Planning Commission was Paul Quinlan.

Audit Committee Interviews

Rose Hau, Atherton resident, said although she has no background in finance she is willing to put in the time to listen and learn. She added that she previously held the position as Chair of Planning Commission. Hau concluded that she can help the Committee by reviewing every financial statement and asking questions.

Sam Goodman, Atherton resident, stated that he is interested in remaining on the Audit Committee provided that it is needed. He felt that it is not necessary to have the committee unless the Town is unhappy with the auditors, but using the Committee as a resource for the Town is a good idea.

Council Member James Dobbie asked how the cost of an audit can continue to expand in an unlimited fashion unless they are controlled. He added that the Audit Committee can be very useful to help control this.

Council recommendation for Audit Committee was Rose Hau and Jim Massey to serve terms ending in 2012 and Sam Goodman to serve term ending 2010.

General Plan Committee Interviews

Thom Bryant, Atherton resident, stated that he is interested in helping out his community. Bryant said has managed facilities with large projects and been involved in general plan amendments. He concluded that he was a former member of Sustainable San Mateo County.

Carlson asked what major issues in Atherton he is interested in. Bryant said he is interested in the rail and land use implications and compliance with affordable housing and state requirements. Marsala asked if he would be interested in being a member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force. Bryant said yes.

Council recommendation for General Plan Committee is David Henig.

Marsala informed Bryant to look into applying for the Blue Ribbon Task Force or the Environmental Programs Committee.

Mayor Carlson stated that the recommendations for the Committees will be brought to the April 15th regular Council meeting for appointment.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. ADJOURN

MOTION by Dobbie, second by McKeithen to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Carlson adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Theresa DellaSanta
Deputy City Clerk**