



Item No. 16 Town of Atherton

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – REGULAR AGENDA

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER**

FROM: ANTHONY SUBER, CITY CLERK

DATE: JUNE 16, 2021

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AND APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS TOWN
COMMITTEES AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

RECOMMENDATION

Review the applicants for the Town Committees and Planning Commission and make appointments to fill vacant positions.

- Appoint two (2) applicants to the Audit and Finance Committee to fill 4-Year terms expiring on June 30, 2025;
- Appoint two (2) applicants to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2023 and a 4-Year term expiring on June 30, 2025;
- Appoint two (2) applicants to the Environmental Programs Committee for a term expiring on June 30, 2023 and a 4-Year term expiring on June 30, 2025;
- Appoint two (2) applicants to the Parks and Recreation Committee. One applicant to a regular seat to fill a mid-term vacancy expiring on June 30, 2022 and one applicant to the Foundation seat for a 2-Year term expiring on June 30, 2023;
- Appoint one (1) applicant to the Planning Commission to fill a 4-Year term expiring on June 30, 2025;
- Appoint up to four (4) applicants to the Rail Committee. Three of the appointments are 4-Year terms expiring on June 30, 2025 and one appointment is for a term expiring June 30, 2022;
- Appoint one (1) applicant to the Transportation Committee to fill a 4-Year term expiring on June 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND

A recruitment was conducted for the following vacancies:

1. Audit/Finance Committee (2 Vacancies)
2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (2 Vacancies)
3. Environmental Programs Committee (2 Vacancies)

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4. Park and Recreation Committee (2 Vacancies, 1 Regular seat and 1 Foundation seat)
5. Planning Commission (1 Vacancy)
6. Rail Committee (4 Vacancies)
7. Transportation Committee (1 Vacancy)

Recruitment began on April 2, 2021 and ended on Monday, June 7, 2021 to fill vacancies resulting from term expirations and mid-term vacancies.

Audit and Finance Committee (2)

The Audit and Finance Committee has two (2) vacancies to fill terms expiring on June 30, 2021.

There are six (6) applicants for the Committee for consideration, two of which are incumbents.

- Patil, Devika, *Incumbent*
- Walker, Ann Yvonne, *Incumbent*
- Brownell, Bill
- Chang, Benjamin
- Hill, Thomas
- More, Braden

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (2)

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has two (2) vacancies. One vacancy is the result of a resignation and will be to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2023 and the other appointment will be a 4-Year term expiring on June 30, 2025.

There are three (3) applicants for the Committee for consideration. There are no incumbents in the vacant positions.

- Baloff, Steve
- Bradford, Betsey
- Lynch, Yvonne

Environmental Programs Committee (2)

The Environmental Programs Committee (EPC) has two (2) vacancies. One vacancy is the result of a resignation and will be to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2023 and the other appointment will be a 4-Year term expiring on June 30, 2025. Beginning July 1, 2021, the EPC staff liaison will transition from the Planning Department to the City Manager's Office. Planning staff will no longer serve as the committee liaison, instead that will be performed by City Manager Rodericks, City Clerk Suber and/or the person filling the Sustainability Coordinator position.

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There are two (2) applicants for the Committee for consideration. The incumbent has opted not to re-apply.

- Holland, Stacy
- Loew, Gregory

Parks and Recreation Committee (2)

The Parks and Recreation Committee has two (2) vacancies. One vacancy is to fill a mid-term vacancy for a term expiring June 30, 2022. All future appointments for this seat will continue to be 4-Year appointments. The other is a Foundation appointment for a 2-Year term expiring on June 30, 2023.

There is one (1) applicant for the Committee for consideration.

- Henkel, Taylor

There is one (1) recommendation and applicant for the Foundation appointment.

- Robinson, Walter

Planning Commission (1)

The Planning Commission has one (1) vacancy for a 4-Year term expiring on June 30, 2025.

There is one (1) application for the Commission for consideration. The incumbent has opted not to re-apply.

- Gabia Konce

Rail Committee (4)

The Council may appoint up to four (4) candidates to the Rail Committee, which has four (4) vacancies. The overall membership of the Committee may be up to nine (9) members. Of the vacancies, three (3) would be 4-Year terms expiring June 30, 2025. The other vacancy was the result of a mid-term resignation for a term expiring on June 30, 2022.

There are two applicants for the Committee, both are incumbents.

- Conlon, Greg, *Incumbent*
- Massey, Jim, *Incumbent*

Appointment of the above applicants would maintain the Committee at seven (7) members.

Transportation Committee (1)

The Transportation Committee has one (1) vacancy for a 4-Year term expiring June 30, 2025.

There is one applicant that is an incumbent.

- Davis, Joseph, *Incumbent*

There is a total of 14 vacancies and only the Audit and Finance Committee and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee have more applicants than vacant seats. Council will need to assign specific terms to candidates appointed to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Council will also need to assign specific terms for candidates appointed to the Environmental Programs Committee, which has two vacancies with different term expiration dates.

Appointment Process

It is recommended that the Council consider appointments to the longest term first for each vacancy where possible. The City Council should announce the term for which an appointment is being considered and then vote for the particular appointment for that term. The City Clerk shall assist by receiving votes from Council Members via direct message and voting shall continue until an applicant is selected for the particular term.

The Audit and Finance Committee and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (BPAC) have more applicants than open seats. The BPAC, Environmental Programs Committee (EPC), and Rail Committee each have mid-term vacancies and will each need to have appointed members assigned to a specific term. The Rail Committee has the option of appointing both candidates to the 4-year terms available. The Council could consider appointing all applicants to the various committees and then randomly assigning each to a term or nominate to a specific term of office.

If Council considers randomly assigning terms to appointees for the BPAC and EPC committees, staff prepared a simple solution where each Committee member's name is listed on an identical piece of paper and placed in a box. City Clerk Suber will draw a name from the box and the first name drawn will receive the longest term for that Committee vacancy.

Council can also choose to nominate a Committee member and assign a term within the nomination.

POLICY FOCUS

The Council is not obligated to appoint any of the candidates to any of the positions and may choose to extend the candidate recruitment process as it deems necessary. The Council reserves complete discretion in appointments.

Town Commissions and Committees represent a key component of civic engagement within the community. The participation of the members is a vital part of the Town's public engagement and

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review process. These groups have the ability to gather public input on an issue and provide feedback and recommendations to the City Council for consideration.

When evaluating applicants for Commissions and Committees, the City Council should consider the role of each committee, the amount of oversight needed, cost effectiveness, efficiency in decision-making, and the desire of the City Council for direct policy involvement on particular issues.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with this agenda item being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in print and electronically. Information about the project is also disseminated via the Town’s electronic News Flash and Atherton Online. There are approximately 1,200 subscribers to the Town’s electronic News Flash publications. Subscribers include residents as well as stakeholders – to include, but be not limited to, media outlets, school districts, Menlo Park Fire District, service providers (water, power, and sewer), and regional elected officials.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL

This item ___ has or X has not been before a Town Committee or Commission.

- ___ Audit/Finance Committee (meets every other month)
- ___ Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (meets as needed)
- ___ Civic Center Advisory Committee (meets as needed)
- ___ Environmental Programs Committee (meets every other month)
- ___ Park and Recreation Committee (meets each month)
- ___ Planning Commission (meets each month)
- ___ Rail Committee (meets every other month)
- ___ Transportation Committee (meets every other month)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Committee Applicants
2. Commission and Committee Roster
3. Resolution No 20-26 Governing Committees

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Anthony Suber](#); [Francesca Reyes](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Application for Town Committee/Commission
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Application for Town Committee/Commission

Name*

Address*

Phone Number*

Email Address*

Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?*

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?*

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?*

Additional Information you would like to add?*

* indicates required fields.

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The following form was submitted via your website: Application for Town Committee/Commission

Name: Bill Brownell

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Audit and Finance

Education: MBA, Stanford Graduate School of Business
MPP(Public Policy) Harvard University
BA Stanford University

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?:
Schwab Charitable-- Board member, serve on Investment and Audit Committees.
Silicon Valley Social Venture Fund--Board Chair, Advisory Board, Finance Committee

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: The Committee advises and Council and City Manager on matters relating to finances, budgets, and capital spending and oversees the annual Audit. I have professional skills and experience in finance, investments and general management and knowledge of the town as a 20+ year resident. I was a partner at BCG advising corporate clients on strategy, finances, and operations. I then worked in silicon valley---Senior VP at Cisco and HP---running organizations and seeking to grow customer, shareholder and employee value. Recently I have phased out of working full time and I am devoting myself more to philanthropic and community activities, along with some investing activities and advising small companies. I would look forward to getting more involved in the Town government.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: Atherton is entering a promising new phase as it emerges from the pandemic, completes the exciting new town center and strengthens anti-crime activities. I would like to contribute to the town being successful in the next phase of its evolution. I would also enjoy getting to know more fellow residents and town staff.

Additional Information you would like to add?: My working style is collaborative, I enjoy joint problem solving, I try to "do my homework" in advance. If you are interested in my service on the Committee I would have a few questions about it and presume you would have a few questions for me. Thanks very much!

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?*

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?*

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?*

Additional Information you would like to add?*

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Name: Benjamin Chang

Address: [REDACTED] Atherton, CA

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Audit & Finance

Education: MIT - Professional Certificate Program, Innovation and Technology
Stanford University - MS Electrical Engineering
UC Berkeley - BS Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?:

AYSO Region 25 - Soccer coach and Board Member for 4 years

District Chair, San Mateo County, UC Berkeley Alumni

Leadership Award Scholarships for 1 year

UC Berkeley - Donated time and money to help:

- Former Dean Richard Newton's programs in the College of Engineering
- Endow the C.V. & Daulat Ramamoorthy Student Award Fund

- Scholarship programs such as the Regents' and Chancellor's Scholarship Awards, and Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship Awards

- Athletic endeavors such as the new Memorial Stadium (football) and Harmon Arena (basketball)
- Class reunion programs (raised the most ever funds for 20-year reunions in UC Berkeley history)

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: My understanding of the responsibilities of the Audit & Finance Committee is that it provides oversight of the financial reporting process, the audit process, and the city's system of internal controls and compliance with laws and regulations. I have had experience professionally, serving in different Compliance and Security roles in Silicon Valley for over 25 years.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: I would like to serve on Audit & Finance Committee because I am interested in helping out Atherton and using my professional expertise to ensure that financial controls operate well.

Additional Information you would like to add?: No.

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?*

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?*

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?*

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Name: Thomas R. Hill

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: 6 [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Audit & Finance Committee

Education: BA (Econ.), Stanford, 1967
MBA (emphasis in Finance), Stanford GSB, 1974

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?:
Board of Trustees - Treasurer, CuriOdyssey (formerly Coyote Point Museum), 2005-06; Finance Committee, 2005-18; Audit Committee, 2007-18.

Lindenwood Homes Assn. Board - Treasurer, 1993-97, 2003-09, 2019-present.

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: With respect to Town finances, the Committee acts in an advisory role to the City Council, reviewing budgeting, long-range financial planning, financial reporting, and pension-related issues. It has a public oversight role, particularly with respect to the annual independent audit of the Town's financial statements.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: Serving on the Committee would give me the opportunity to make use of the knowledge and experience gained during my career as a financial professional. I believe that background would enable me to make a meaningful contribution.

Additional Information you would like to add?: I am a CPA-Retired Status.

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?*

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Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?*

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Name: Braden More

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Audit & Finance

Education: B.A. Bowdoin College
M.B.A. NYU Stern School of Business
Certified Public Accountant - New York State

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?:
Marin Academy, Board of Trustees (two term). Chaired Audit Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.
Exploratorium (Lab) - Board member

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: Provide expertise and support in service of the town's activities and work to champion proper accounting and reporting practices.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: Hoping to be of service to my new community and leverage my experience in finance, accounting, and risk management.

Additional Information you would like to add?: To the extent that the town has commercial dealing with Wells Fargo, I would need to recuse myself as I am an employee.

Additional Information:

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?*

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?*

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?*

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The following form was submitted via your website: Application for Town Committee/Commission

Name: Devika Patil

Address: [REDACTED], Atherton, CA 94027

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Finance Committee

Education: BA Tufts University

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?:

1. Digital Ambassador at the Institute for Education, a Washington D.C. based non-profit whose mission is to recognize and promote leadership, civility, by finding common ground, locally, nationally, and in the world community. As the Digital Ambassador, I am responsible for media and digital strategy as well as facilitating and cultivating relationships with foreign embassies and our government agencies and C-level executives. Held the position since September 2015.

2. All Raise (Member of Board of Advisors). May 2020 - Present

3. The Harker School - Board of Fellows. Responsible for being the primary liaison between the parents and school as well as organizing events with parents and families to build a strong sense of community. Jan 2019-Present

4. Neythri (Founding Circle Member) - Jan 2021 - Present

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: I would be honored to continue to serve on the Audit/Finance commission to have the opportunity to serve the town and give back to the community. I would like to be a part of the team that continues to invest in Atherton so that it retains its charm for the next generation and is vested in maintaining the town's distinguished atmosphere. As one of the several families in town with young children, I would like Atherton to improve upon its environment for community gatherings. Our community has important decisions ahead including responsibly planning for and building the library and Holbrook Palmer Park community center. Being a part of the Finance team, I would focus on balancing this growth and making sure we have the funds to invest in the right initiatives.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: I would like to continue to serve as after one term, I finally have a deepened understanding of the nuances of our budget planning, pension liabilities, investment and revenue sources, etc.

Additional Information you would like to add?: N/A

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

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Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?*

Additional Information you would like to add?*

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The following form was submitted via your website: Application for Town Committee/Commission

Name: Ann Yvonne Walker

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Audit and Finance Committee

Education: B.S., Mathematics, Stanford University 1976 (with distinction)
J.D., Stanford Law School 1979

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?:

1. Current Chair, Atherton Audit & Finance Committee
2. Vice Chair, Audit Committee Chair and Board Governance Committee Co-Chair, Chanticleer (world renowned male vocal ensemble based in San Francisco)
3. Member of the Board of Directors, Pro Bono Counsel and Singer, Schola Cantorum (community chorus based in Mountain View)
4. Violinist, Redwood Symphony (community orchestra based in Redwood City)

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: I am about to complete a four-year term on the Audit & Finance Committee. I feel like I am finally getting enough experience on the committee under my belt to be a very productive member.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: I want to continue serving on the Audit & Finance Committee so that I can continue to give back to the Town of Atherton, where I have lived since 1992. I feel that my talents are well-suited to be an asset to the committee.

Additional Information you would like to add?: I have enjoyed my four years on the Audit & Finance Committee. Thank you for considering my reappointment.

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Education

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Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?*

Additional Information you would like to add?*

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Name: Steven

Address: Baloff

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Bike and Pedestrian

Education: Terman Jr, High
Gunn H.S.
Harvard A.B
Stanford MBA

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?:
Redwood City Jr High School Basketball coach--2015-2010--M.I.T. and Roosevelt schools; MP Boys and Girls
Club 5th grade basketball coach; Mentor Stanford GSB MsX; financial literacy trainer at IRC San Jose

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for
and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: My wife and I
have lived on Barry Lane for 18 years and raised our three boys here. We are very active walkers and bikers and
have a "ground level" view of the challenges facing the committee. I have also served on many boards over the
years, both public and private. Balancing the needs of walkers and bikers with those of the broader community
is of particular importance as traffic increases and the needs of these different constituencies diverges.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: I would
like to offer my time and effort to the community of Atherton as I having enjoyed being a part of this lovely
town. I'm interested in helping to create an environment that respects the laws and ensures a safe environment
for walkers, bikers and drivers. Modest improvements to traffic management can have significant impact on the
levels of frustration and conflict that is often apparent on our roadways.

Additional Information you would like to add?: I hope that my problem solving skills and board governance
background can be of assistance to the Town of Atherton

Additional Information:

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Name: Betsy Bradford

Address: [REDACTED], Atherton

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Bike and Pedestrian Committee

Education: Santa Clara University, Bachelor of Arts

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?: I am on The House Committee, The Social Committee, and The Golf Committee for a local Country Club

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: I believe that Atherton's Bike and Pedestrian Committee aids the health and well being of Atherton residents. Having safe and attractive walking and cycling routes will encourage our residents spend more time outside.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: I walk approximately 5 miles around Atherton nearly every day. Its upsetting to see more and more trash each day. I think we should do more to keep our beautiful town cleaner. I also think the new yellow pedestrian signs are unattractive and useless. We should think of a better way to tell people to stay safe while walking.

Additional Information you would like to add?: I have been an Atherton resident for 25 years and I raised my 4 kids here. I can't wait for our new Town Center, and am anxious for any other improvements we can make around town!

Additional Information:

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Date: 6-4-21

Commission/Committee of Interest: Bikes & Pedistatation

Name: Yvonne Lynch

Education: B.A. - L.A. - UCB
M.L.S. - UCB

Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions or committees:

Library - Volunteer ^{task} - Sorting, labels, Reading, Books

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities:

I understand a bike-ped. comm. member is responsible for researching bike-ped. problems and recommending solutions.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member:

I want to serve to use my talents and experience to improve the bike lanes and walking paths ^{so people can enjoy} to enjoy the beauty of Atherton.

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Name*

Address*

Phone Number*

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

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Name: Stacy Holland

Address: [REDACTED] Atherton CA 94027

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Environmental Programs

Education: Double BA from UCLA in Psychology and French

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?: -

Volunteer for Surfrider Foundation (beach cleanups)

- former Communications Chair, SF Young Democrats

- head, Stacy Miles Communications (full time communications professional specializing in event, technology and entertainment PR)

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: My understanding of the environmental program committee is that its purpose can be divided into two parts: to make sustainability and environmental recommendations to the planning committee / city council, and to bolster support of environmental initiatives via community outreach.

As a communication strategist, I have fifteen years experience with media relations, event planning, social media management and messaging development. To spotlight one relevant experience, I was part of the founding team for Silicon Valley Comic Con (now SiliCon). As VP of Communications and Programming, I curated the "Save the Planet" track of panels, keynotes, kids science fair and exhibits. The inaugural event was attended by 75,000 people, driven largely by earned media.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: For fun I read about climate policies, environmental justice, green technology, clean energy and more. I am full of ideas for potential initiatives and local events. I am also a new mom and highly motivated to do everything I can to protect the planet for my child.

Additional Information you would like to add?: I am generally interested in local government. I actually read the minutes from city council minutes and have for several years! This application is for the Environmental Programs committee, but I would be open to filling vacancies on any committee.

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

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Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?*

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Name: Gregory Loew

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: g [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Environmental Planning Commission

Education: Stanford University PhD in Electrical Engineering, 1958

I am an Emeritus Professor at SLAC and Stanford, spent 50 years of my career as a physicist building the lab's accelerators and experimental equipment. I was Deputy Director of SLAC from 2001 to 2005.

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?: I belong to several Democratic organizations and work on their Climate Change task forces.

I am currently Alternate member to Congresswoman Anna Eshoo on the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee.

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: I would like to help the Town of Atherton develop the best possible policies to avoid a Climate Change disaster.

I think the special nature of our town has a lot to offer in this regard.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: I believe I have the engineering and scientific training to contribute to our town's Environmental Planning Commission. I have lived in Atherton since 1969..

Additional Information you would like to add?: In 2019 I published a book on "The Human Condition: Reality, Science and History" that illustrates some of my general credentials.

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

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Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?*

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Name: Taylor Henkel

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Parks and Recreation

Education: BA - Global Development Studies, University of Virginia, 2015
 M.Ed. - Higher Education, University of Virginia, 2016

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?:
 Mentor, Oakland Promise

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: After reading through the duties of the Parks and Recreation Committee, I believe our responsibility is to create fun, equitable, engaging opportunities for Town residents and visitors to connect and learn from one another. I believe one of our responsibilities should be to look at who uses HP Park, who takes advantage of programming, and determine how we can do additional outreach to invite more people in. That may be through redesigning programming and spaces to be more accessible and inclusive as well as connecting with the schools in Town to see how their staff and students could best benefit from our parks, recreation, paths, and green spaces since they are spending a big chunk of their time in Atherton. Having worked professionally in higher education for the past five years, I am used to working on committees and task forces to either: (a) collaborate to develop new initiatives, (b) convene to identify an issue and problem-solve, or (c) review a solution to ensure it meets the needs of many stakeholders. I think the Parks and Recreation Committee requires all of those skills, and I would be excited to join this Committee so that we can create something really meaningful for our residents and visitors as we emerge from the pandemic.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: I moved to Atherton from Blacksburg, Virginia in June 2020. Since moving to the Bay Area, my perspective has been through the lens of the pandemic, and I have relied on parks as a means to explore the area while remaining safe. Any time I go to HP Park (which is often), I see a lot of people there socializing, on the playgrounds, playing ball, walking their dogs, running, or just sitting out and reading (like I tend to do). I think this engagement with parks is going to continue long after the pandemic. People will flock to green spaces as a release and a place to connect; I want to be on this committee so that we can help think about what parks and recreation offerings post-pandemic will look like. We have a unique opportunity to continue to make HP Park a cornerstone of town life and with the generally good weather year-round and affirming research these past 15 months about the health benefits of being outdoors (both for individual and community health), the Parks and Recreation Committee can help think about an exciting new direction for town life.

I am most interested in the fourth duty for this committee. With the development of the Town Center, I think we will continue to see a need and demand for outdoor spaces for all of us to congregate. From evaluating other green spaces and paths we to looking at what programs the Town can provide in these spaces, my hope is to create an outdoor home for residents and visitors alike. Between the 7,500 residents that live in Town and the nearly 8,000 students who are in Town on a given school day, I am motivated for us to find the green spaces that will connect us all together. I think this Committee presents the perfect opportunity to do just that, and give us all the chance to live and learn from one another.

Additional Information you would like to add?: I work at Menlo College and live on campus and am hoping to find new and unique ways the Town of Atherton and Menlo College can collaborate together. I would love to find ways to connect town residents and students through intentional programming that encouraged everyone to take more advantage of HP Park and other green spaces in and around the town.

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Education

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Name: Walter Robinson

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Park and Recreation Committee

Education: University of Washington BA
University of Chicago Law School JD

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?:
Menlo Atherton High School Foundation for the Future Board Member
Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation Board Member and Officer
Supporter of Atherton Library, Atherton Police and Atherton Civic Interest League

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: I believe Park and Rec advises the Town Council on all matters relating to Holbrook-Palmer Park and to coordinate with other groups dealing with the planning, use and improvements in the Park (and presumably any other recreational spaces such as may exist in connection with the new Town Center). I am aware of the work of the Committee with respect to the Park Master Plan, the budget and financial review of the Park's operations, the maintenance of the Park and planning of community programs at the Park.

For many years I have served as a director and officer of the Park Foundation. In that role I have been privy to many issues concerning the Park since the Foundation's function has been to organize, fund and sponsor activities to enhance the use of the Park by Atherton residents.

In my role with the Foundation I have have been informed about the activities of Park and Rec Committee, both in reports on various projects at the Park and in dealing with coordination of the Foundation's activities that impact the areas of responsibility of the Committee. The actions of the Committee are regularly reported to the Foundation Board. Over the years I have discussed with others on the Board various proposals that have been considered by the Committee, some adopted and others not, to enhance or modify the Park, including several of the issues currently pending before the Committee. I believe my background will assist me in performing my duties as one of the Foundation's representatives on the Committee.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: As described, I have been involved for many years with the Foundation as it has been involved with improving the Park and the experience of Atherton residents there. I believe service on the Committee will continue that effort. In addition I have lived in Atherton for over 45 years and hope work on the Committee will contribute in some small part to maintaining the benefits of the Town for all of us.

Additional Information you would like to add?: I would happy to respond to any questions.

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

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Name: Gabia

Address: [REDACTED], Atherton, CA 94027

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Planning Commission

Education: -J.D., Santa Clara School of Law
-L.L.M, Intellectual Property, Santa Clara School of Law
-B.A., University of Virginia

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?: -
Member of Atherton Selby-Stockbridge Neighborhood Group
(re: meeting of candidates for State Senate/San Mateo, safety, traffic, wifi, rail, Atherton housing development issues)
-Member of Hollywood-Community Development Forum
(re: long term development-land-use in HW Zone; residential, commercial, mixed use and transportation.)

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: As a long-standing resident of Atherton, with a strong legal understanding of the Atherton Municipal Code and the historic nature of our community; I believe I could offer my personal, professional, community experience and knowledge in real estate development law as member of the committee/commission in the review/approval of the vast array of technical and complex applications from special structure permits to zoning ordinance amendments I would look forward to working closely with the recommendations of Principal Planner of Atherton/Government and members of the Committee/Commission in carefully but deciding in a timely manner with regard to the vast array of applications from developers, buyers and sellers in Atherton while preserving and honoring the Town of Atherton and long term of our Heritage Trees, environment and safe enjoyment of our beautiful and valuable community. I have reviewed both the agendas and minutes from the last few years on your website in the submission of my application/interest for this position.. In turn, with my real estate development experience, I understand the importance of the decision-making aspects of the planning commission and trust from our community of Atherton.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: As a resident of Atherton, to be considered to serve on this commission,I would hope to maintain the legal and development intentions of the founding fathers of Atherton from original homes from 1930s (as ours) to newly built homes to date. I'd like to provide my professional service and experience in real estate law/development to preserve the unique and historical qualities of the Town of Atherton while looking to the future of continued prosperity going forward for residents and our community.

Additional Information you would like to add?: Please see above, thank you for your kind consideration.

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

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Name: P. Gregory Conlon

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Rail Committee

Education: U of Utah, BS in Business, 1955
U San Francisco Law school, 2000

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?:

President of the California Public Utilities Commission
Atherton Rail Committee
Atherton Finance Committee
Atherton Audit Committee

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: With my previous experience on the Rail Committee and as President and Commission of the California Public Utilities Commission-responsible for rail safety for the State of California I believe I have excellent experience to serve on the Rail Committee

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: I want to continue to serve on the Committee to address the safety issue of the rail right of way and the Watkins Ave crossing with quad gates.

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Date: 6/1/2021

Commission/Committee of Interest: Rail

Name: Jim Massey

Education: BS Menlo and Master's course work at Santa Clara University

Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions or committees:

Served for Town of Atherton Audit and Finance Committee and Rail Committee, Park and Rec Park Foundation amongst other roles and committees.

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities:

I have served for many years and remain interested in continuing to serve. I am familiar with the concerns and issues facing the Town.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member:

I am interested in the work and business of the Town and I am interested in the work of the Committee.

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6/1/2021
Date

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Commission/Committee of Interest*

Education

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Name: Joseph Davis

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Commission/Committee of Interest: Transportation

Education: BS Applied Mechanics, UC San Diego
MS Applied Mechanics, UC San Diego
MBA, Stanford University

List your civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other commissions and committees?: I have been a member of the Transportation Committee for the last 5 years.

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the commission or committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities?: I am well aware of the responsibilities of serving on the committee due to my tenure there.

Describe why you want to serve on this commission and what you hope to accomplish as a member?: I would like to continue to assist the town in making our streets safer for car, bikers and pedestrians.

Additional Information you would like to add?: None

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Commissions & Committees Roster 2020- 2021

Audit and Finance Committee - 2 Vacancies

Name	Appointment	Expiration
Walter Sleeth	6/2020	6/2023
Bob Polito	6/2018	6/2022
Devika Patil	6/2018	6/2021
Kate Scolnick	6/2020	6/2024
Ann Yvonne Walker	6/2018	6/2021

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee - 2 Vacancies

Name	Appointment	Expiration
Vacant	6/2019	6/30/2023
Vacant	6/2019	6/30/2021
John Langbein	6/2019	6/30/2022
Jerome Leugers	6/2019	6/30/2023
David Jones	6/2020	6/30/2024

Environmental Programs Committee - 2 Vacancies

Name	Appointment	Expiration
Holly Joseph	6/2015	6/30/2021
Emily Conn	6/2018	6/30/2022
Kelly Davis	6/2019	6/30/2023
VACANT		6/30/2023
Jennifer Carrico	11/2020	6/30/2024

Park and Recreation Committee - 1 Vacancy

Name	Appointment	Expiration
VACANT		6/30/2022
Marylue Timpson	2/2019	6/30/2022
Alex Keh	6/2019	6/30/2023
Julianna Robertson	6/2019	6/30/2023
Matt Baker	6/2020	6/30/2024

FOUNDATION APPOINTMENT- 1 Vacancy

Frank Merrill	6/2020	6/30/2022
VACANT		6/30/2021

Planning Commission - 1 Vacancy

Name	Appointment	Expiration
Randy Lamb	6/2019	6/30/2023
Eric Lane	6/2020	6/30/2022
Nancy Lerner	6/2020	6/30/2024
Perry Narancic	6/2019	6/30/2023
Paul Tonelli	6/2017	6/30/2021

Rail Committee - 4 Vacancies

Name	Appointment	Expiration
Greg Conlon	6/2019	6/30/2021
VACANT		6/30/2022
VACANT		6/30/2021
John Maulbetsch	6/2019	6/30/2022
Jim Janz	6/2020	6/30/2024
Paul Jones	6/2019	6/30/2023
Alex Keh	6/2019	6/30/2023
Jack Ringham	6/2020	6/30/2024
Jim Massey	2/2020	6/30/2021

Transportation Committee - 1 Vacancy

Name	Appointment	Expiration
Joseph Davis	7/2020	6/30/2021
Carol Collins	7/2018	6/30/2022
Tom Owen	6/2020	6/30/2024
Sriram Lyer	6/2020	6/30/2024
Christine David	4/2021	6/30/2023

RESOLUTION 20-26
AMENDS RESOLUTION 19-07
A Resolution of the City Council of the Town of Atherton
Establishing and Governing Town Committees
Amended May 16, 2018
Amended May 15, 2019
Amended October 26, 2020

The City Council of the Town of Atherton hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of Committees

The following committees are established for the Town of Atherton:

1. Audit/Finance Committee
2. Environmental Programs Committee
3. Park and Recreation Committee
4. Rail Committee
5. Transportation Committee
6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Section 2. Committee Principles and Rules of Procedure

Principles: All committees shall follow the City Council Rules of Procedure, the Atherton Municipal Code, the Political Reform Act, and the provisions of the California Open Public Meeting Law (Brown Act). These resources may be found on the Town's website and/or via the City Clerk's Office. All members shall attend an education and training session hosted by the City Attorney and City Clerk upon appointment.

The responsibility and accountability for all work necessary to efficiently and cost effectively carry out the advisory functions of each committee shall rest exclusively with the Chairman or Council Member assigned to the committee.

A Town Department is assigned to each Committee. Each Department Manager is responsible for providing the necessary staff (in the most cost-effective manner) to prepare for, and attend committee meetings. This includes but is not limited to meeting with the Committee Chair and City Council Liaison in advance of each meeting to create an agenda; prepare the agenda packet; take and prepare minutes; and conduct follow up from meetings.

Committee Agenda Preparation: In general practice, the staff liaison to each committee shall meet with the Committee Chair and the City Council Liaison in advance of each upcoming meeting to review the meeting agenda. Regular agenda items, such as approval of meeting minutes, follow-up staff reports, and general information reports shall be added to the agenda as needed. Other items shall be added through one of the methods described below.

One of the following methods may be used for *placing an item on a Committee agenda*:

1. Council: A majority vote of the Council may direct staff to add an item to a Committee agenda.
2. City Manager: The City Manager may receive requests for agenda items from the public, staff, a committee member or a Council Member. The City Manager will review the request with the Committee Chair and City Council liaison. The City Manager shall have sole discretion to refer the request to the City Council at the next available meeting, or schedule the item for the Committee agenda.
3. Staff and Committees: There may be a need for routine agenda items which may arise out of committee meeting discussions; are requested and agreed on by a majority of the Committee as part of Future Agenda Items; or items created from staff follow up of previous Committee and/or staff meetings. These items may be added to a future agenda following an agenda preparation meeting between the Committee Chair, Council Member liaison and staff liaison.
4. Colleagues' Memorandum: If at least two committee members prepare a colleagues' memo, the staff liaison shall place the item on the Committee's agenda under a Future Agenda Items Section. A colleague's memo is a written request, no more than two pages in length, presenting an item to be added to a future agenda. Upon review of the colleagues' memo, the Committee shall not discuss the merits of the item itself; but shall solely discuss whether to add the item to a future agenda for discussion. Upon majority vote of the Committee, the item shall be added to the next agenda or a specific designated Agenda.

Committee Procedures for *placing items on Council agenda*:

1. Committee Action: Any formal recommendation to Council taken by a Committee shall be placed on a City Council agenda within the next two regular meetings.

The City Clerk has overall responsibility for posting committee agendas.

Advocate: Collectively, committees are encouraged to advocate positions to the City Council on matters under the purview of their committee. Otherwise, no committee or any of its members shall represent itself or themselves as speaking on behalf of the Town, City Council, and/or committee without prior approval of the City Council. Individual members are not authorized to make public statements or comments on matters within the purview of their committee outside of the normal committee process. It could be perceived as using the member's position to indicate some special knowledge or understanding of the matter, or to confuse members of the public with respect to whether the comments are being made to improperly influence an agency decision. Committee members should refrain from using their title when addressing other boards, commissions, committees, or the City Council to avoid creating an appearance of special status to the public. Statements of previously approved City Council policy may be made without additional City Council approval. When there is a question, a committee member shall consult the City Attorney for advice. Members of committees may attend meetings of other committees and the City Council; however, members shall not present opinions of their own committee at such meeting unless the position is previously approved by their committee. A quorum of a committee may attend such a meeting, but they may not discuss among themselves Town business, nor

comment or discuss the matter under consideration unless authorized to do so by the committee to avoid a possible Brown Act violation.

Educational Materials: Committees may provide approved educational materials to the public regarding the functions and actions of the committee, but shall not engage in advocating to the public any particular position which is contrary to City Council policy. Any educational materials sent to the public shall be approved by the City Manager, and shall follow the Town's procurement process. It shall be the City Manager's discretion on whether or not the educational materials need Council approval beforehand.

Meetings: The Committee shall establish a regular meeting schedule on an annual basis in July. The Department assigned to the committee shall update the website to reflect the meeting schedule. Changes in the dates or time of meetings from the established schedule may be made by majority vote of the committee.

Minutes: Staff shall prepare action minutes for all committees. *Action* minutes shall be presented to the City Clerk within 7 days following the meeting or as soon as feasible if there is a reason not to produce them within that timeframe. Finalized minutes should be sent electronically to the City Clerk for posting, *after* the Committee has approved them. The City Clerk will share appropriate information received from the minutes with the City Manager and City Council.

Reports: If desired by the City Council, an annual report shall be created and approved by the Committee and provided to the City Manager, City Clerk and City Council of committee activities for the preceding year.

Special Meetings: The Chair or a majority of the Committee may call a special meeting at any time in accordance with the Brown Act.

Website: Any website created for a Committee by the Town shall be incorporated into the Town's website. If created, websites shall be developed in accordance with the "advocate" section of this resolution.

Section 3: Appointment of Voting Members to Committees

Appointment: Members other than City Council Members shall be appointed following recruitment process set forth by the City Clerk and approved by the City Council. With the exception of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee as described, all appointed members shall be registered voters in the Town. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council, or until the expiration of their terms set out below. The terms of the Members were staggered pursuant to Resolution No. 19-07 with subsequent terms of appointment reverting to the standard 4-year term. Vacancies in any committee arising from any reason, including expiration of term, shall be filled by temporary appointment of the City Council, or by annual recruitment. The Committee Chairperson or staff assigned shall notify the City Clerk of resignations and vacancies. Each Committee which cannot fill at least 50% of its seats shall be postponed until the Town can recruit at least a quorum (50%+1). During that time, the City Council shall continually recruit qualified individuals and town staff shall continue to advertise periodically.

Term expiration dates shall end on June 30. Appointed committee members shall serve no more than two full consecutive terms on the committee to which they are appointed. A member may be reappointed to the committee following a minimum two (2) year hiatus. However, if a seat is vacant and no one applies, City Council may grant an exemption.

City Council representatives and any alternates on committees are selected by the Mayor and approved by the City Council to serve a one (1) year term. Appointed City Council Members and City Council Member Alternates shall serve as liaisons to Committees; but shall not serve as voting members to Committees. Alternates participate on committees in the absence of the appointed Council Members. For each Committee, unless otherwise directed by the City Council, one City Council member shall be appointed as a primary liaison and one as an alternate. Members shall coordinate attendance to ensure appropriate representation.

Members who intend to be absent from a meeting shall alert the chairperson and/or staff person assigned. The Chairperson shall state during the meeting, under roll call whether the member is excused (notification was given) or absent (no notification was given). Unexcused absences of members, other than City Council Members, from two or more consecutively scheduled meetings shall result in the automatic vacation of the member's office. The staff person assigned to the Committee shall work with the Chairperson to alert the City Clerk of consecutive absences. The City Clerk shall alert the City Manager who shall decide how to inform City Council. City Council has the authority to override this rule based on the information received.

Chairperson and Staff: Each committee shall have a Chairperson. The Committee shall select its Chair on an annual basis in July. Council Members shall not serve as Chair or Vice Chair of Committees. The Department assigned to the committee shall have the authority to appoint staff member(s) to serve Town committees. Any requests by a committee for staff work, information, or assistance from Town staff shall be made to the City Manager.

Section 4: Funding for Committees

Committees do not have authorization to expend Town resources. In the event funding for a committee activity is desired, a budget shall be prepared and presented to the City Council for review and approval as part of the Town's regular budget process. The committee shall follow the guidelines set forth by the purchasing policy approved by City Council through Ordinance 595 and any expenditure policies developed and approved by the City Council. No Committee member shall use his or her own personal credit card. For items under \$150 a committee member may request a cash advance and then come back to the Town with itemized receipts. For items over \$150, a committee member shall complete a check request from the Town or have the Town purchase the goods/services.

Section 5: Committee Composition, Powers and Duties

1. Audit/Finance Committee

The Audit/Finance Committee makes recommendations to the City Council on issues related to the Town's audit and finances. The Committee typically meets every other month. Acting in an advisory capacity, the Audit/Finance Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. Make recommendations to the City Council in all matters pertaining to Town finances;
- b. Discuss and consult with the City Manager on any matter pertaining to the budget, capital spending plan and the long range financial plan for the Town;
- c. Upon request, make recommendations to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the Town's annual audit;
- d. Assist staff, as needed, in the provision of oversight to the annual audit process; and, assist in the presentation of the annual audit to the City Council with recommendations as to acceptance;
- e. Upon request, advise the City Council regarding appointment of outside auditors to complete the annual audit;
- f. Assist staff as needed in the review of the proposed audit scope prior to commencement of annual audit.

The Committee consists of the Mayor, Vice Mayor and five (5) appointed resident members. Resident appointed members shall serve a term of four (4) years. The Committee meets in the Council Chambers or the Town Administrative Conference Room.

The Finance Department is assigned overall responsibility of the Audit/Finance Committee.

Resolution 19-07 established staggered terms with subsequent terms of appointment reverting to the standard 4-year term.

2. Environmental Programs Committee

The Environmental Programs Committee provides the City Council with recommendations, outreach programs, and education on environmental issues facing the Town's natural and built environment. The Environmental Programs Committee typically meets every other month. Acting in an advisory capacity, the Environmental Programs Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. Upon request, make recommendations (programmatic and legislative) to the City Council on all matters pertaining to the Town's natural and built environment and the Town's regional role and responsibilities as one of the communities on the San Francisco Bay Peninsula.
- b. Pursuant to established City Council programs and policy, assist staff in the creation of pro-active community engagement programs for residents, commercial and public enterprises active within the Town's jurisdiction.

The Environmental Programs Committee consists of five (5) appointed resident members and one (1) City Council Member liaison. Resident appointed members shall serve a term of four (4) years. The Committee meets in the Council Chambers or the Town Administrative Conference Room.

The Planning Department is assigned overall responsibility of the Environmental Programs Committee.

Resolution 19-07 established staggered terms with subsequent terms of appointment reverting to the standard 4-year term.

3. Park and Recreation Committee

The Park and Recreation Committee makes recommendations to the City Council on issues related to Holbrook Palmer Park and any active or passive recreational space within the Town. The Committee typically meets monthly. Acting in an advisory capacity, the Park and Recreation Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. Upon request, make recommendations to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the Town's active and passive parks and public recreation services;
- b. Work with staff, as needed, to assist other governmental agencies and public and private groups in the advancement of park and recreation planning and programming;
- c. Work with staff to develop and maintain a Master Plan for active and passive recreational spaces within the Town; and, annually, in the month of April, present a report to the City Council;
- d. Work with staff to review the annual budget for the Town's park and recreation programs and services during the budget process and make recommendations with respect thereto to the City Council.
- e. Assist staff with a review of fees and services within the Park and make recommendations with respect thereto to the City Council.
- f. Upon request, study and make recommendations on the acquisition and development of recreation areas, activities and facilities such as playgrounds, buildings, parks, open space and other centers of recreation;
- g. Assist staff in the planning of recreation programs for the community.

The Park and Recreation Committee consists of seven (7) appointed resident members and one (1) City Council Member liaison. Of the appointed members, two members shall be representatives of the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation. Each of the foregoing representatives shall serve a term of two (2) years. When a vacancy arises, the City Clerk will contact each organization to request a new representative. If the organization submits more than two candidates, the City Council shall select the candidate to serve as the representative.

Remaining resident appointed members serve a term of four (4) years. The Park and Recreation Committee meets in Holbrook-Palmer Park.

The Public Works Department is assigned overall responsibility of the Park and Recreation Committee.

Resolution 19-07 established staggered terms with subsequent terms of appointment reverting to the standard 4-year term.

4. Rail Committee

The Atherton Rail Committee makes recommendations to the City Council on issues related to the Town's Rail Corridor, High Speed Rail, and Caltrain consistent with the City Council's adopted Rail Related Policy Issues, attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Committee typically meets every other month. Acting in an advisory capacity, the Rail Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. Advise the City Council on all matters pertaining to High Speed Rail (HSR), the Rail Corridor and Caltrain, consistent with the City Council adopted Rail Related Policy Issues.
- b. Assist staff in the research of specific impacts that HSR and other rail infrastructure and services may have on the Rail Corridor and the Town.
- c. Rail Committee members are authorized to act as spokespersons to articulate and advocate the Town's Rail Related Policy Issues as they pertain to Rail Committee matters to legislatures, HSR and Caltrain board of directors, regional organizations, press and other interested parties.

The Rail Committee consists of up to nine (9) appointed resident members and one (1) City Council Member liaison. Resident appointed members shall serve a term of four (4) years. The Committee meets in the Council Chambers or the Town Administrative Conference Room.

The Public Works Department is assigned overall responsibility of the Rail Committee.

Resolution 19-07 established staggered terms with subsequent terms of appointment reverting to the standard 4-year term.

5. Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee makes recommendations to the City Council on issues related to transportation, traffic, and roadway safety. The Committee typically meets every other month. Acting in an advisory capacity, the Transportation Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. Upon request, make recommendations to the City Council in all matters pertaining to transportation, traffic, and roadway safety within the Town.
- b. As needed, assist staff in the identification and review of traffic and roadway safety enhancements.

- c. As needed, assist staff in the review of regional project impacts on local traffic and transportation corridors.
- d. As needed, assist staff in the review of traffic safety enforcement measures.
- e. As needed, assist staff in the review of Neighborhood Traffic Management Program requests.

The Transportation Committee consists of five (5) appointed resident members and one (1) City Council Members liaison. Resident appointed members shall serve a term of four (4) years. The Chair of the Transportation Committee also serves as a non-voting liaison to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Chair shall select another member as his or her alternate. The Committee meets in the Council Chambers or the Town Administrative Conference Room.

The Police Department shall have overall responsibility of the Transportation Committee. The Chief of Police will coordinate with the Public Works Department when Public Works staff are needed for the meeting.

Resolution 19-07 established staggered terms with subsequent terms of appointment reverting to the standard 4-year term.

6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the City Council on issues related to the Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and bicycle and pedestrian network. The Committee typically meets as needed. Acting in an advisory capacity, the BPAC shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. Work with staff in providing recommendations on issues related to the Town's bicycle and pedestrian network and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.
- b. Make recommendations to the City Council on the selection of bicycle and pedestrian projects to be submitted for state and federal funding opportunities.
- c. Work with staff to promote bicycling and walking as safe and healthy alternative modes of transportation.
- d. Assist Town staff in the planning, operations and maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Town.

The BPAC consists of at least five (5) appointed members plus two non-voting liaisons, one (1) Transportation Committee Member and one (1) City Council Member. At least three (3) appointed members of the Committee must meet the requirements of the Metropolitan Transportation Committee and live or work in the Town of Atherton. Other members of the BPAC must be residents of the Town. Members shall be composed of both active bicyclists and pedestrians. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee shall be residents of the Town. BPAC appointed members shall serve terms of four (4) years.

The makeup of the Committee members is encouraged as follows:

- At least one member should represent schools.
- At least one member should represent an established bicycle and/or pedestrian related organization or coalition.
- At least one member should have knowledge and interest in Countywide pedestrian and bicycle facility planning and operations.

The Committee meets in the Council Chambers or the Town Administrative Conference Room.

The Public Works Department is assigned overall responsibility of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Resolution 19-07 established staggered terms with subsequent terms of appointment reverting to the standard 4-year term.

Section 6: Advice

Appointed members of committees are encouraged to seek advice from Town staff when they are uncertain of the foregoing rules.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption. All previous resolutions governing Town committees and commissions including Resolution No. 15-10 and Resolution No. 19-07 are hereby superseded and rescinded.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the Town of Atherton at a regular meeting thereof held on the 26th day of October, 2020, by the following vote.

AYES: 5 Council Members: Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia
 NOES: Council Members:
 ABSENT: Council Members:
 ABSTAIN: Council Members:



Rick DeGolia, Mayor
 Town of Atherton

ATTEST:



Anthony Suber, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Mona Ebrahimi, City Attorney

**EXHIBIT A
RAIL POLICY ISSUES
ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF ATHERTON**

A. HIGH-SPEED RAIL (HSR)

Legislative

In 2008, the Town voters decided against Prop 1A which authorized the HSR project. At that time, Town Resolutions, passed unanimously by the Council, opposed the HSR project, including the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Business Plan and use of the rail corridor by HSR.

The Town remains opposed to the HSR project and supports legislative initiatives to prevent the implementation of the HSR project, in its current form, through the Town. If the HSR project moves forward, the Town fully expects that the project will minimize and fully mitigate environmental impacts to the Town.

Litigation

The Town may take the position to use legal means, as deemed appropriate by the City Council, to delay, hinder or halt the implementation of Prop 1A which Atherton residents and the City Council voted to oppose.

Lobbying

The Town has engaged a lobbyist, in conjunction with other communities, to represent the Town's interests on HSR matters.

The Council encourages members of the Town's Rail Committee to advocate on behalf of the Town with respect to HSR in manners consistent with the above HSR Rail Policy.

B. RAIL CORRIDOR AND CALTRAIN

The Town was one of the earliest train stops on the rail corridor between San Francisco and San Jose. Families, and later commuters, used the Atherton station for rail service to and from 'the City' for over 100 years. Lloyd Park was developed for residents desiring easy access to public transportation provided by the train.

In years past, Caltrain provided the Atherton Station with weekday and weekend rail service until it declared its first "fiscal emergency" citing the need to reduce costs, including station stops. As a result, the number of weekday rail stops at the Atherton Station were reduced to zero while weekend service is still provided.

Atherton is the only city on the Caltrain line that receives no weekday train service. Atherton residents have been using nearby stations in Redwood City and Menlo Park for weekday commute services and for express service on the weekends. Atherton understands that Caltrain is an integral part of the transportation system in the peninsula and still serves as an important alternative to automotive travel in and through the Town. Further Caltrain's fiscal health is important to maintain rail as a viable transit option.

The Atherton Station building serves as an important historical and cultural resource to the Town and should be preserved.

Town Priorities Regarding Caltrain Line and Corridor

The Town recognizes that successful implementation of the Town's rail corridor priorities with Caltrain require a partnership with Caltrain. To that end, the Town will endeavor to work with Caltrain to address the following priorities for the Atherton Station and Rail Corridor:

- Modernization of the rail system must minimize and fully mitigate any environmental impact to the Town.
- Safety improvements along the rail corridor through the Town, including safety fencing and screening along the corridor, and the installation of four-quadrant gates at the Watkins Avenue rail crossing.
- Conversion of the Atherton Station building to a public amenity and civic space integrated with the Atherton Town Center, including the installation of safety fencing, removal of the center boarding platform and associated access points.
- Installation of an active transportation route to the Menlo Park Caltrain Station.
- The Town seeks to perfect the Quiet Zone within the Town through the addition of four quadrant gates at the Watkins Avenue crossing, closure of the Atherton Station and repurposing of the Atherton Station building. These measures require the support and partnership of Caltrain.