



MINUTES
ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 14, 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 Rugeiro (Committee Vice Chair)
Larry Sweeney (Committee Chair), Mary Widmer

*Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

*Committee Member Lauder arrived at 6:03pm

*Committee Member Lempres arrived at 6:04pm

OLD BUSINESS:

1.1

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

b. Crosswalk – Middlefield at Watkins

c. Street light outage status

1.1(a):

*Stopping sight distances are currently not achieved, most likely due to shrubbery issues.

*Recommendation to request homeowners to trim their shrubbery in the interest of public safety.

*Town could trim shrubbery through a work order if homeowners do not trim their shrubbery per the Town's request.

*Shrubbery trimming should increase sight distances and negate the need for traffic control devices.

*This issue will be re-evaluated after the shrubbery has been trimmed.

1.1(b):

*The use of flags at this crosswalk may be an interim measure to increase pedestrian visibility and safety.

*Completing a pedestrian count was discussed as a cost-benefit analysis.

*Making the existing pedestrian warning signs more visible was discussed.

*Public Works was asked to bring suggestions forward on how to make the crosswalk safer for pedestrians.

*Gordon Siebert was asked to speak with Menlo Park to see what type of success they had with the pedestrian flags at the crosswalk on Ravenswood Avenue at Alma Street.

*This issue will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and the complainant will be invited to speak at the next meeting.

1.1(c):

*A "Request for Qualifications" will be sent out by Public Works to find an electrician who can come to the Town and evaluate the streetlight system.

2.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of March 2013 meeting

Minutes approved without discussion.

3.0 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

No Committee Reports.

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

No Public Comments or Correspondence.

5.0 **PRESENTATIONS:** None.

No Presentations.

6.0 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1

- a. Speeding on Fredrick
- b. Cut-through traffic – Middlefield ---Oak Grove---Toyon---Edge---Ringwood
- c. Long Term issues – traffic growth

6.1(a):

*The Police Department will continue speed enforcement on Fredrick Avenue.

*This item will be placed on a future agenda so the residents can come and speak on this issue, as well as discuss different traffic calming measures they are willing to accept.

*Sergeant Kockler will contact the complainant once the complainant's information is received.

6.1(b):

*It was determined the Transportation Committee could not do very much about this problem.

*Committee Member Sweeney will contact the complainant.

6.1(c):

*Traffic growth is a concern due to the following issues: Facebook expansion, the Menlo Gateway Project, the Redwood City Saltworks Project, and increasing school populations.

*An Ad-Hoc Committee was formed with Committee Members Sweeney, Lempres, and Lauder to look into these issues.

7.0 **STAFF REPORTS:** None.

7.1 Police Traffic Unit

Monthly Report for March, April 2013

Collision statistics – Alameda and Stockbridge

*Committee Member Rugeiro complimented the Police Department on increased traffic enforcement.

Collision Statistics – Alameda and Stockbridge:

*Gordon Siebert was asked to meet with the San Mateo County Traffic Engineers to discuss this intersection and come up with some improvement options to make it safer.

7.2 Public Works Updates: -

*Public Works conducted a Construction Check Program to ensure construction hours were being followed. Approximately 40 to 50 construction sites were checked. Two (2) violations were observed. One (1) site was issued a citation and one (1) site was issued a warning. In addition, two (2) construction sites were located which did not have permits.

*The Town will be notifying residents of the upcoming "Slurry-Seal" project via mailers, flyers, automated telephone calls, and barricades. The hope is to obtain 100% compliance with the street closures and zero (0) complaints.

8.0 **NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 9, 2013

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Anthony Kockler
Recording Secretary