



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2006  
7:00 p.m.**

**701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025  
Menlo Park City Council Chambers**

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**7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING** (Menlo Park City Council Chambers)

**ROLL CALL** - Jellins, Fergusson, Cohen, Duboc, Winkler

**STAFF PRESENT** - David Boesch, City Manager, William McClure, City Attorney, Silvia Vonderlinden, City Clerk and other staff was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**A. COMMISSION VACANCIES AND REPORTS**

1. Attendance reports for the City's Advisory Bodies.

Mayor Jellins offered to call those commissioners/committee members who have too many absences, but he remarked that this is the exception and not the rule.

2. Swearing in of new Bicycle Commissioner.

City Clerk Vonderlinden swore in the new Bicycle Commissioner, David Mason.

Mayor Jellins dedicated this meeting in memory of Carol Doyle, a community member, who is the wife of Eric Doyle, a long time Transportation Commissioner.

3. One vacancy on the Planning Commission to fill an un-expired term that ends in April 2006. The deadline for receipt of applications is February 15, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jellins explained that since this would be a very short seat, Council may decide to make this a roll over term and so the City Clerk will advertise it as such.

4. Commission Reports.

Mayor Jellins announced that he discussed with Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson a new protocol by which Members of the City's Advisory Bodies are encouraged to come to Council Meetings and report on any items of interest to Council. They would do so under Commission Reports.

**B. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Update and presentation from the "Parks for the Future" group on the creation of a Countywide Special Park District.

Julia Bott and David Holland (new Director for the San Mateo County Parks Department) made a presentation about the need to support parks through a ballot measure. Ms. Bott explained that "Parks for the Future" is advocating an 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a percent sales tax increase to benefit parks in San Mateo County jurisdictions. Ms. Bott elaborated on how the allocation would work and provided timelines for the process. She said that the goal would be to place a tax measure possibly on the November '06 ballot, but this could be postponed. The goal is to supplement not supplant existing budgets. She requested Council's support and endorsement on these efforts.

Council asked questions about the timing of this proposal in relationship to the budget process. Council Member Winkler said that special districts get a lot of money. Ms. Bott added that the money will go to three special districts: Midpeninsula Open Space, Ladera District and Highlands Recreation District. Council Member Cohen asked for Ms. Bott's projection into the future and what she sees as the situation of the parks if the voters approve such a measure. Ms. Bott said that many cities will be

able to replace funding that has been reduced and the situation will be a little better than today. Council Member Duboc opined that voter tolerance should be considered because of what has been on the ballot. Council Member Winkler spoke about spill-over effects of park users parking in neighborhoods to avoid paying admission fees, and Mayor Jellins agreed asking Ms. Bott to consider them. Mr. Holland offered that he was not aware of the problem and will look into it. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said that Bayfront Park is currently funded from a sinking fund and one possible use for the funds would be to take over some of that maintenance cost, once that sinking fund runs out.

#### **C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (*Limited to 30 minutes*)**

Jim Janz, Atherton Council Member, spoke on Agenda item H3 requesting that grade separation studies consider adjacent cities such as Atherton and Redwood City. Mr. Janz would like to have a more collaborative process of addressing this topic and the Town of Atherton is ready to dialogue.

Mayor Jellins said that he got an invitation from the Mayor of Atherton to engage in a joint Council Meeting to discuss a number of topics.

Duncan Jones, Public Works Director for the Town of Atherton, provided a profile of the Caltrain trench option. He thinks this is a doable but expensive option.

Council Member Duboc said that an enclosed trench would not work because of the fumes. Mr. Jones responded that is partially true but it is possible to have a short enclosed trench with ventilation. Council Member Cohen asked if Mr. Jones has been in communication with CalTrain and the High Speed Rail Authority and Mr. Jones confirmed. Council Member Cohen thinks this is a good idea.

#### **D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Authorize the City Manager to approve the purchase of equipment, furnishings, materials and supplies for the Menlo Children's Center from Early Childhood Manufacturer's Direct in an amount not to exceed \$75,200.
2. Approval of the Annual Report on the Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Program, Affordable Housing Action Plan and the Status of the BMR In-Lieu Fees collected as of June 30, 2005, in accordance with Government Code Section 66001.
3. Adoption of Resolution No. 5649 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the State of California Department of Education to reimburse the City up to \$2,402 for instructional materials and supplies at the Belle Haven Child Development Center.
4. Approval of the Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.

#### **Item D5 is tabled**

5. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Meeting of January 10, 2006 and revised Minutes for December 13, 2005.

**M/S Fergusson/Jellins to table Consent Calendar D5. Motion carries unanimously.**

**M/S Fergusson/Duboc to adopt Consent Calendar items D1 through D4. Motion carries unanimously.**

#### **E. PUBLIC HEARING(S) - None**

#### **F. REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of and potential action on City Council Procedures Manual and Mayor Selection Policy.

City Manager Boesch stated that staff asks Council to consider and potentially approve the Procedures Manual; and, secondly, that it discuss whether or not to amend or repeal the Mayor Selection policy. Mayor Jellins believes that each Council works differently and in his opinion each Council will handle things as it wishes; including, appointing whomever they wish, whether it is dependent on tradition or not. He supports the Procedures Manual but he believes things change. Council Member Duboc asked Mr. McClure what are the legal ramifications of adopting a Procedures

Manual or a policy. Mr. McClure said that this is just a policy statement, a guideline, and it does not mandate or have the effect of an ordinance. He said that policies give direction but are non-binding on the body. Council Member Duboc views this as a guideline and suggestion and she believes that the Procedures Manual should be reviewed and/or revised every two years.

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson made a distinction between policies and guidelines because it is her opinion that the first carries more weight than the second. She believes that Council needs to abide by policies and she considers it a fairly strong guideline. Mr. Cohen said that there are a couple of things missing from the analysis, i.e. how the Council operated for the first 40 or 50 years and then for the next 15 or 20 (from the 70's to the 90's) and what the motivation was for the passage of the protocol as to the selection of the mayor. At some point he would like Council to decide what to do and pursue this or revert to the principle of majority rule. In that spirit he suggests that the protocol for selection of a Mayor be brought back as an ordinance.

**Motion Cohen/Fergusson to have the existing protocol for Mayor Selection be considered for passage as an ordinance.**

Mr. McClure clarified that the motion would be to consider placing this on a future agenda for consideration and that Council should not be discussing this topic but vote on whether or not to place it on a future agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson added that she would find the Procedures Manual a useful guide even though she has some detailed notes and she would like these noted in the minutes. Council Member Winkler supports the Procedures Manual as a guideline and personally disagrees with the policy adopted in 1993. Her personal opinion is that the Mayor is someone the Council is comfortable with, and her preference is that the Mayor not succeed himself/herself and so she said that she is clearly at odds with people who have sat at previous Councils. She is comfortable with keeping it a fluid issue and have each Council decide its own policy. Council Member Cohen understands how Council Members Duboc, Jellins and Winkler feel about this but he would suggest that if we follow Ms. Winkler's suggestions there is nothing to prevent someone from having the same person be Mayor twice in a row. He believes that if Council Member Winkler's suggestion is followed and if this is merely a guideline and doesn't even have moral force there is nothing to prevent this from happening.

Council Member Cohen would like to have something more compelling and not just based on moral force. Council Member Cohen believes that while the majority does rule it can't ignore the voice of the people which spoke a year ago, making clear statements that the slate was not the people's choice. His position is that there is a need for a policy that has at least moral force, and it is a benchmark against which people's performance can be matched during their tenure and something the people can look to when they're deciding how to vote at the next election. Council Member Duboc supports the Procedures Manual and she thanked Mr. Boesch for his efforts because she believes the goal was to help current and future Councils. Council Member Duboc does not agree with the implication that the policy equates to morals because it almost implies that for 66 years before the policy the Council was not acting morally. She supports a more flexible approach because it is hard to predict what the political situation is and she feels uncomfortable encumbering future Councils with what the feelings of today are. Council Member Duboc feels strongly that Council should not bind future Councils.

**Public Comment**

Steve Schmidt, former Mayor of Menlo Park, spoke in favor of the policy and he thinks it is a product of many years of trial and error; he referred to an earlier version that was refined in 1993. He thanked staff for correcting the document that had been prepared for the December meeting. Mr. Schmidt said that Chuck Kinney in 2000 did something that Mr. Schmidt was unwilling to do and that is he voted to make Mr. Jellins Mayor by following the protocol, and in Mr. Schmidt's mind the question remains if he followed protocol or not. In 2002, after a campaign that spoke about inclusiveness, it was Mr. Kinney's turn to be Mayor according to the policy, and Lee Duboc, Winkler and Jellins decided it was okay to violate the policy. Mr. Schmidt said that Mr. Kinney was denied the opportunity to be Mayor and this is being repeated again and the moral power of a policy should be sufficient to do the right thing and be inclusive. He does not think an ordinance is the answer.

Hank Lawrence, referred to an editorial from a local paper saying the Council violated policy twice but what was not questioned was if the policy was equitable? Mr. Lawrence believes that the policy was designed to exclude Bernie Nevin from becoming Mayor. He believes what should be looked at is if the policy was designed to exclude someone. He said that when Mr. Jellins was Mayor the first time he was so encumbered he couldn't do anything. So, when he became eligible the second time many could argue that was really the first time he was Mayor. Mr. Lawrence said that people can debate whether Mr. Jellins' first term counted but in his opinion that the second term was the first time he was unencumbered. He believes that for the future we should not assume we have the wisdom to guide future Councils. He believes the Council should have the freedom to do what it thinks is wise, and he believes a policy should be just what it is - a policy.

Mayor Jellins referred to the motion on the floor and he doesn't desire to bind future Councils, let alone this Council; he does not see a point to having an ordinance that could be rescinded. He believes this ordinance would only affect future Councils because there is an election in November 2006 and so to take this action is not something he is willing to do. Council Member Cohen said that what this debate ignores is that this majority had the option to change the policy and did nothing about it. The second thing is that the history of previous years should be investigated for the public to understand why a protocol was passed. Council Member Cohen referred to how things were done in the past and how a majority did rule with an iron fist and there were resignations that led to certain Council Members running as incumbents. Council Member Cohen believes that if we ignore history we are prone to make the same mistakes again. Council Member Cohen supports the policy and further strengthening it and not weakening it.

Council Member Duboc said that she cannot presume to be all knowing and offered that one of the reasons Council didn't do anything with the policy is that policies are non-binding and provide flexibility. Ms. Duboc added that what former Mayor Schmidt left out is that when Mayor Jellins was first made Mayor the Council limited his powers because they were uncomfortable. Council Member Duboc said that this is how she sees it based on her acumen and she believes blind allegiance to binding policies can lead anyone down dangerous roads. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson stated that she does not think it is the purpose of a policy to provide flexibility but instead to provide stability and set expectations. She believes this is a good policy and it promotes balance, civility and fairness. She disagrees with remarks about being "comfortable", because what is most important in her view is not what is best for Council but what is best for residents and rotating the Mayor is a fair process.

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said that when Council arrived at the dais on December 6, 2005 for the Mayoral selection there was a spreadsheet in front of Council that showed how the policy had been followed since its inception in 1993. Today, Council received a revised version because of errors on that document. She asked Ms. Vonderlinden how the document came to be at the dais and if a particular Council Member requested that it be placed there. The City Clerk said that Council Member Winkler requested the document be placed at the dais. The City Clerk acknowledged that the document had errors because she misinterpreted the policy. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson asked Council Member Winkler if direction or guidance was provided to the City Clerk in creating the document. Council Member Winkler said that she pointed out to the City Clerk that Bernie Nevin and Valencia was one and the same person. Council Member Winkler added that she read the policy differently than how Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson reads it. She believes the policy is obtuse and poorly written and even now she questions the reading presented tonight. Council Member Winkler said she was unsure who requested the document and she thinks she commented on the document and made changes, but in her opinion this is irrelevant because the policy is hard to understand. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said she was disturbed that Council Member Winkler would go to staff in this way so that Council would end up with a document that had not been reviewed by the City Attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said that it is clear now that the policy has only been not followed once in December 2002, and she was not pleased that Council Member Duboc cited the document a number of times at that meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said that she finds this process disturbing and it highlights the need for a Procedures Manual, because it provides clarification on the expectation for the way the Council Members communicate with staff.

Ms. Vonderlinden added that her original interpretation of the policy was incorrect because she was focusing on seniority and after speaking with Mr. McClure after the December 6, 2005 meeting it

became clear that it was a question of eligibility. The City Clerk said she created the document and it had question marks on it because it hadn't gone through the normal review channels. Ms. Vonderlinden took responsibility for the errors since she created the document and misinterpreted the policy. Council Member Winkler offered that when the Procedures Manual came back to Council she was surprised that the Mayoral policy was attached to it. She suggested that a policy or a guide be added that the Mayor be elected by the Council and the Mayor does not succeed himself/herself and she would like that added to the 1993 document.

Council Member Duboc said that she agrees with the reasons put forth by the Mayor on why this Council should not be considering the issue of an ordinance. Ms. Fergusson said that while other Councils handle this in a civil manner and just rotate the Mayor, she believes there is a need for a stronger measure here. Ms. Winkler commented that she will not support further discussion of this issue by this Council. Mayor Jellins added that there are plenty of other Councils who also have challenges with the mayor selection process.

**Vote on the motion: Motion fails 2-3 with Jellins, Duboc, Winkler opposing.**

**M/S Jellins/Duboc to accept the Procedures Manual and for it to be updated as needed serving as a guideline for Council, staff and members of the public but recognizing that it isn't in any way binding nor does it have the force of a policy.**

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson asked City Attorney McClure to clarify the difference between a guideline versus just adopting the document. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson asked Mr. Boesch what have other cities done and Mr. Boesch said he has not reviewed how other cities adopted their Procedures Manuals but he interpreted the motion as the Council approving the document. Council Member Cohen said that it is hard for him to take anything seriously because he sees an erosion of any sensible statement like calling it a policy and he does not respect this representation of a guideline because it is meaningless. Council Member Duboc clarified that she does not presume to know what other Councils will want and need, and she does not believe that one size will fit all. She also clarified what she meant by saying that Council should feel comfortable with the Mayor and that the Council should have confidence in who is the leader of the Council at the time.

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson believes there is a difference of opinion about policy and guideline. She would prefer that this be adopted with the force of policy because this is a code of behavior that she is willing to be bound by.

**Substitute Motion: M/S Fergusson/Cohen substitute motion to adopt the Procedures Manual with the force of policy versus guideline.**

Mayor Jellins asked Mr. McClure if this was out of order and Mr. McClure said that it is a variation of what is being offered, not the reverse, and so it is a valid motion. Council Member Winkler said that this is a guideline and she is pleased with just that.

**Motion to substitute fails 2-3 with Jellins, Duboc and Winkler opposing.**

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said that it looks like this will be a guideline and she supports the document and the effort and so she is willing to approve it as is. Ms. Fergusson would like to have five items on record as a check list for when this comes back under a new Council:

1) Page 8 – Mayor Pro Tempore

Ms. Fergusson would like a sentence that addressed the use of the term Vice-Mayor because it is more contemporary and most people do not read Latin.

2) Page 10 – Meetings Schedule

Regarding the meeting schedule and where meetings are held, she would like to have the rule be that the Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers. She would like the priority setting meeting to be at the Council Chambers, not elsewhere, and she feels that minutes should be kept because it is more than a Study Session because priorities also get amended.

3) Page 14 – Study Sessions

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson's preference is that Study Sessions are held in the Council Chambers.

4) Page 19 – Correspondence from Council Members

In regards to the first two paragraphs Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said that "From the Desk Of..." is working well, however she believes the wording in the document is confusing and she believes one paragraph should deal with official letterhead and one with "From the Desk Of..." She believes all Council Members are clear about the expectations on the use of each.

5) Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson asked about appendix B (Legislative Policy Guide) and where it came from. Mr. Boesch said that this policy guide is borrowed in large part from the League of California Cities and Council may amend or append to it.

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson asked that these comments go into the record, adding that she is not asking for this to be part of the motion.

Mayor Jellins spoke to the items above: in regards to item #1 he does not have a problem including a parenthetical or statement "also known as Vice-Mayor" being used in the Procedures Manual. In regards to the priority session meeting being held in the Council Chambers he said that for the last seven years it has been held at the Fireside Room but can understand how it could be uncomfortable so he asks staff to organize it in the Council Chambers. In regards to the minutes for this event, Council not only gets minutes but also a staff report and if Ms. Fergusson seeks a little more detail it can be discussed later. As far as Study Sessions being held at Council Chambers he is okay with what the Council previously decided as a whole. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson commented that she believes this promotes openness and accessibility. On the correspondence issue Mayor Jellins said that he does not know what the guideline is and Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said that when official letterhead is used a courtesy copy is placed in each Council Members' inbox, but "From the Desk Of..." letters are public record and available in file but a courtesy copy does not go automatically into each Council Member's inbox. Mayor Jellins commented that any Council Member may have a standing request with staff to get a copy of each "From the Desk Of..." communication that goes out. Council Member Duboc said that on page 10 where it says that Regular Meetings are usually held in the Council Chambers it is because some times Council meets at the Senior Center.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

2. Consideration of state and federal legislative items including decisions to support or oppose any such legislation, and items listed under Written Communication or Information Items.

#### **G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

1. Request by Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson to get Council direction for the Mayor regarding an upcoming meeting of the Council of Cities to be held on January 27, 2006. At such meeting the City Selection Committee will select two Council Members to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors (Central County and North County seats).

Mayor Jellins said that this is something he has asked be brought to Council. He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson for placing it on the Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said she was getting a lot of communications about the appointment to the Transportation Authority (TA) seat. Mayor Jellins said that on a monthly basis the City receives notices from the San Mateo City Selection Committee regarding upcoming appointments. At the beginning of the year a roster of appointments was received from the same source and in reviewing the document there were no appointments for the TA. Based on the document provided there were no scheduled appointments for this month and Council held off taking action on the matter. Then the agenda for the San Mateo City Selection Committee was received and three appointments were listed to the TA and he was surprised because this was in contradiction. Mayor Jellins asked Ms. Vonderlinden to check today and she found out, that the roster received from the San Mateo County City Selection Committee was incorrect and there are three seats open. Mayor Jellins will bring this up at the City Selection Committee meeting scheduled for this Friday.

Council Member Winkler said that the Council of Cities meets once a month on a Friday night and she questions if the Council of Cities should have representatives to any of these other bodies because it is not a serious legislative body. She has questions with the Council of Cities insofar as it makes appointments to certain bodies but it doesn't conduct business in an acceptable manner. Mayor Jellins did note that once a year the Council of Cities has met at the County Chambers and followed a more rigorous process of appointments (usually in December). Mayor Pro Tem

Fergusson said that the purpose of the Council of Cities is for cities to have a voice in various bodies, and it is their obligation to represent the cities. She believes these monthly meetings hold representatives accountable and it is an important voice and representation. Council Member Duboc said that from attending many of these meetings she has realized that some of these representatives have been around for a long time and Menlo Park might have a faster turn around. She asked Mayor Jellins to mention at the Council of Cities meeting that it should be more receptive to newcomers.

Council Member Cohen referred to a Council of Cities dinner in San Carlos when then Mayor Winkler nominated Mr. Cohen to the HEART seat. He said that this is working and he is learning a lot. In his own experience he has not seen a problem with the nominations made by the Council of Cities. Mayor Jellins clarified that there are two conversations going on: 1) criticism of the appointments process 2) a compliment of how people work together once they've been appointed. Mayor Jellins concurs that the Council of Cities is a great place to network and he has attended many meetings and believes the results are a good thing. Council Member Winkler said that the southern cities are badly represented and she asked if Council Members attending these meetings have to report on the reimbursement they receive for these meetings (as listed on agenda item H1). She added that this is a great networking event. Mr. McClure said that if you are an appointed representative to the Council of Cities and the City of Menlo Park is paying for the expenses you have an obligation to report it. Mayor Jellins asked if the same would apply to ABAG meetings and Mr. McClure said that the Council would have to report because public funds are being used, even though ABAG may not be reportable because it is not a Brown Act body.

Mayor Jellins asked for Council's position on the nomination for the Central County seat: Naomi Patridge (Half Moon Bay) supported by Council Members Cohen and Jellins because she will bring a Northern perspective. Rosalie O'Mahony (Burlingame) supported by Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson because Ms. O'Mahony served with Ms. Fergusson in the BAWSCA (Bay Area Water Services Conservation Agency) Board, and will speak to our concerns when it comes to Caltrain.

Mayor Jellins said that Council will have to make a decision as to leaving it up to him or pre-designating the nominees. He mentioned that sometimes it might be helpful to hear the nominees speak at the meeting. Council Member Cohen does not wish to bind Mayor Jellins on this issue and he trusts Mayor Jellins at the time of the appointment when he has more information. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson asked Mayor Jellins to consider her points and especially the vicinity to our train station and a high level of service is very important to us like Burlingame.

Council nomination for the North County seat:

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said that she is not sure if Mr. Fernekes (Mayor of South San Francisco) would serve Menlo Park's interests and he has links to BART that may be a concern. She supports Judith Christensen (Daly City Council Member) because she has pledged her support to the cities. Council Member Winkler supports Mr. Fernekes because he is able and committed. Council Member Winkler commends Mr Ferneke as someone who is able and level headed and can help develop the existing Bart-Caltrain connection.

San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board - Cities at Large seat:

San Mateo Mayor John Lee is seeking reappointment.

Mayor Jellins said that while he would like to see former Mayor Winkler serve on that seat he doubts that it will work because the incumbent is John Lee. Council Member Cohen agrees with nominating Ms. Winkler.

On behalf of the Council of Cities, to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board of Directors, four seats available and Menlo Park can vote:

Mayor Jellins said he would expect the incumbents to be appointed. Mr. Jellins explained that we received clarification today from the Council of Cities that Menlo Park can vote on these nominations.

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson said that at the dais tonight was the first time she heard that the seat John Lee is reapplying for could be contested (Transportation Authority Board). She is interested in an opportunity to contribute to the Transportation Planning in San Mateo County and this is something she would be very interested in. She was not aware that Ms. Winkler was interested as

well. Ms. Winkler said that she had indicated to Mayor Jellins her interest but tonight was the first time she heard that John Lee's seat was up. Ms. Winkler and Ms. Fergusson would both like to try for this seat and each shared their qualifications. They both agreed that it is important for Menlo Park to be represented. Mayor Jellins said that he will ask for a postponement of the vote.

#### **H. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Memo from the City Attorney regarding Council Reimbursement Policy and new State ethics requirements for Local Officials.
2. Review of the Annual Report on the status of the Traffic Impact, Storm Drainage and Recreation in Lieu Fees collected as of June 30, 2005 according to Government Code Section 66001.

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson asked about a pavement impact fee and why that was not shown on the report. Mr. Boesch said that what Ms. Fergusson is referring to is the Building Construction Road Impact fee that recently took effect. He clarified that this report reflects fees collected through June 2005 and a year from now staff will have to report on that.

3. Status update on the Caltrain Grade Separation Study Alternatives and Scope of Work.

Council Member Winkler said that the decisions that are made with respect to Menlo Park's station are intimately related to El Camino Real land use policies. Council Member Winkler said that any information we can get from CalTrain in advance would be helpful. She is concerned that this be viewed as a package and not as a separate entity. Mr. Boesch said that on February 7, 2006 there will be a dedicated Study Session on El Camino Real and it will touch on this as well as what Grand Boulevard is about. Mr. Boesch said that Ms. Winkler is correct that the Grand Boulevard initiative is a collaborative effort on behalf of Caltrain/Samtrans, as well Joint Venture Silicon Valley. Ms. Duboc said that she read that C/CAG has a matching grant program and Mr. Boesch said staff will bring this before Council soon.

#### **I. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS -**

Council Member Duboc reported on a brochure that just came out displaying the design for the Menlo Atherton Performing Arts Center. Council Member Duboc asked if this information could be placed on our web page and Mr. Boesch said city staff could investigate. Council Member Duboc stated that Your City/Your Decision community workshops are coming up. Ms. Duboc said that if anyone would like to donate gifts for the planned raffle they can contact Assistant City Manager Seymour.

Council Member Winkler read a letter she wrote to Council, which focuses on the possibility of delaying the opening of the Burgess Pool because the City is about to hire lifeguards and plan for opening and heating of the pool. Council Member Winkler is not advocating one approach over another, but she asked Council to discuss the matter. Council consensus was to place this on the next meeting agenda.

#### **J. PUBLIC COMMENT #2 (Limited to 30 minutes) - None**

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT - the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sylvia M. Vonderlinden, CMC

Approved at the Council Meeting of March 21, 2006.