



# SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY MINUTES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008  
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025  
Menlo Park City Council Chambers

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## 5:00 p.m. STUDY SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Robinson at 5:10 p.m. with Boyle, Fergusson and Robinson present. Mayor Cohen is recused from this topic due to his place of residence. Councilmember Cline arrived at 5:16 p.m.

### 1. California High Speed Rail (HSR) ([Staff Report #08-128](#))

Charles Taylor introduced the item and the two speakers; Dan McNamara and Rod Diridon.

- Dan McNamara with the California Rail Foundation gave presentation opposed to HSR
- Rod Diridon board member with the High Speed Rail Authority spoke in favor of HSR

Comments by the Council:

H. Robinson introduced the Atherton City Councilmembers who were present.

K. Fergusson: Heard speakers regarding HSR using the 2 CalTrain tracks at 80 mph that the baby bullet uses. Concerned about the authority to make decisions to close streets in Menlo Park. R. Diridon advised that it would be a four-track system. Rich Tolmach (CA Rail Foundation) stated that the grade separation has issues; full grown trees, excavation, fill or overhead construction would be required. Due to the freight traffic, some switching is on the right and some on the left and the problem is that freight track with CalTrain would be either a five or six track solution. Federal laws have not determined cohabitation for HSP and freight traffic. The narrowness of the right-of-way through this area is an issue.

R. Cline: The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will not be done by the Election Day and therefore the answers to the big questions will not be answered prior to the votes being cast. Diridon stated that the project evaluation will occur and you will have to guide them with what is comfortable. The objective is to do something good. This is something needed by the state and there needs to be a way to make Atherton and Menlo Park happy. The two cities need to work closely with those doing the EIR. The option to not doing this is really not an option. McNamara stated that this area is unique and Altamont is the answer.

J. Boyle: If the HSR comes from the Altamont it would T in Redwood City and then head north and south. McNamara stated it would go down the east side (Fremont) to San Jose. Diridon stated that it is not borne out nor supported by any engineering studies. Livermore, Pleasanton and Fremont voted against having HSR in the Altamont. All cities in the peninsula with the exception of Atherton and MP voted for the UP line.

J. Boyle: If Altamont were to be used would there be right-of-way issues. It was stated that the environmental document did not say. Coming across the bay was using the Dumbarton and then the CalTrain corridor. Diridon stated that the Dumbarton would require a new high bridge and would be an environmental issue. The east side would be a Union Pacific corridor. It was stated that CalTrain did a reconstruction of the Dumbarton Bridge and it would not require going across the wildlife refuge. In Livermore, Pleasanton and Fremont it was presented as a 6-track HSR system.

Members of the public who spoke to the item are Charlie Bourne, Richard Tolmach, David Schonbrunn, Jim Bigelow, Jack Ringham, Jerry Carlson, Judy Font, Douglas Hamilton, Elizabeth Blois, Don Barnby, Marcy Abramowitz, Robert Valenti, Steve Schmidt, Margaret Okuzumi, Scott Stanton, Carla Campbell, William Grindley, Frank Carney, Steve Heckler, Roxanne Rorapough, Margaret Fruth, Jobst Brandt, Charles Marsala, Hank Lawrence, Greg Conlon, Gerald Cauthen, Patti Fry, Robert Herriot, Robin Smith, Don Branner, Penelope Huang – was not available during public comment

It was determined that the study portion of the meeting would continue until 7:30 at which time the regular meeting would begin.

**ROLL CALL** – Cohen, Robinson, Boyle, Cline, Fergusson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**A. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS**

**1. Commission Recognition for outgoing members**

Certificates of appreciation were presented to outgoing members of various boards and commissions.

**2. Commission members and Chamber of Commerce reports**

Chamber of Commerce announced their Annual Golden Acorn Awards dinner next week. Tomorrow night they have a mixer at the Glenwood Inn.

**B. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. Peninsula Gateway 2020 Presentation**

A PowerPoint presentation was done giving an overview of the project.

From here there will be some dialogue on the near projects to develop funding for the projects.

K. Fergusson stated that there is outside the box thinking. As a Council it is best if they can see things even if they are not at the final stages. What is the process for staff and residents to comment on the document? Mr. – stated that staff has had the opportunity to provide input. The need to make stakeholders aware of the process to attempt to get consensus are the next steps. He anticipates that projects will be split out and he foresees the technical group continuing.

K. Fergusson thanked him as the C/CAG executive director for bringing funds to San Mateo County for transportation improvements. Need to be careful as this goes forward with the property that butts up to the bay.

J. Boyle stated that it is appropriate at this point to go to anybody on the committee, Chip Taylor or him with feedback. East of 101 only for express lanes and would be locked into 101 to 84 (Bayfront).

H. Robinson stated that bus rapid transit needs to be looked into to get people out of their cars. To the degree possible, work with whatever will happen on the Dumbarton corridor. Concern about going to a BRT option across the bridge is what about the congestion on either side of the bridge. Possibly have special lanes for the buses.

**2. Proclamation declaring September 17-23, 2008 as Constitution Week ([attachment](#))**

A proclamation declaring September 17-23, 2008 as Constitution Week was presented to Elizabeth Houck and Bev Weager, members of Regent, Gaspar de Portola Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**3. Proclamation for International Literacy Day ([attachment](#))**

Proclamation for International Literacy Day was presented to Kathleen Bales, Kristi Breisch, Thelma Gonzelez, Olegario Neves and Lucia Soto with Project Read.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jack Morris stated that the questions raised at the end of the study session, especially closing streets, the Council needs to get a clear understanding of the costs for grade separation.

Jack Ringam stated that the question from Councilmember Boyle asked Mr. Diridon during the study session – reminded that he is one member of the committee appointed by the Governor and he can be replaced. His motivation is to promise whatever it will take to get it up and running. Any comment he may have responded is his intent or hope and there is no guarantee. Practical reality is that the solution would be a matter of available money. The grade separation could be put into Phase III if the money is not there. On the Internet the California Chamber of Commerce took a stand against High Speed Rail. A partial list of endorsements is the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, which could have been some time ago. There were no speakers earlier speaking against the bonds. Maybe the Chamber of Commerce should consider the members of the City of Menlo Park.

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting of August 19, 2008 ([attachment](#))**

Motion/Second (Cline/Fergusson) to approve the consent calendar as presented and the motion passed unanimously.

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**F. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**1. Approval to waive City Council Policy cc-86 “Naming and/or Changing the Name of Facilities” and approval to change the name of Bayfront park to Bdwell Bayfront Park in honor of Michael Bedwell ([Staff Report #08-123](#))**

B. George advised that Mr. Bedwell was a former City Manager for Menlo Park. He passed away in March 2008. The suggestion was to rename Bayfront Park to Bedwell Bayfront Park. At the Recreation and Park Commission meeting there were five speakers in support of renaming including 17 letters in favor and one letter requesting that there be a display board placed at the site and dedicated to him. Since that time there have been two letters received one in favor of the name change

and another in favor of the story board and dedication plaque. The policy of waiting five years prior to renaming public buildings was discussed at the RPC meeting. The Commission thought that the policy needed to be looked into. They voted unanimously to change the name and a story board and dedication plaque be placed at the park.

J. Boyle stated the staff report did not state why the policy should be waived. There should be some justification for the exception should be made. Is there a compelling reason? B. George stated that the fact that it is rare and especially for a City Manager to work for so long in one area as well as what he did to get the land from a landfill to open space was huge. There was a tremendous outpouring from the community responding in a positive way that the commission felt that for that reason, and there had been a case in the past where the policy was reviewed. In 2004 – Mr. Harrison was the chair of the PRC and a current Councilmember served with Mr. Harrison and felt it should be moved forward. They thought it was a good time to move forward due to Burgess Park moving forward at that time.

R. Cline stated that he was on the commission at that time; Mr. Harrison had cancer and still attended commission meetings right after treatment. The commission felt it was an extraordinary service to the community as he served until the end.

Anne Moser spoke in support of the Council supporting the Parks and Recreations Commission (PRC) renaming the park. It was due to Mike's vision and ability to work with the many entities that the old dump became a park and it is fitting that it carry his name. After many years of service to Menlo Park he left the City Manager's office after 17 years. If the policy is followed there will be some who will not be around to see the name change. She urged the Council to rename the park and include in the action a story board at the location.

Elizabeth Lasensky, on behalf of Friends of Bayfront Park are not in agreement in what to do with the naming or renaming of the park. They are unanimous in wanting to honor Mr. Bedwell. The story board would inform the public of his contributions to this community.

Chris MacIntosh stated that until this past summer she was unaware of Mr. Bedwell, but it has been fascinating to learn about it. She would like to see the park dedicated to him rather than renaming the park. That will do more to keep his name alive rather than just renaming. All the effort to rename the park out to the public, county, state and map changes is difficult and expensive. She urged the Council to dedicate the park in his honor.

Nancy Borgeson supports honoring Mr. Bedwell and his work to the city. She does not support the name change to be done at this time. The policy was adopted in 1996 and went unchanged when last reviewed. The many documents issued during Mr. Bedwell's tenure shows that he was involved in the naming of the park. There are other ways to get his name recognized and to honor him; such as the story board, showing what he did to get the dump to a park. A name change is not the best way to explain his contributions.

Robin Smith stated she is a member of the Friends of Bayfront Park. She has been involved for many years with the park. She participated in keeping the park as open space and in the formation of Bayfront Park. She urged the name change. Mr. Bedwell spent much time in getting this park and renaming the park would be fitting. A story board should also be displayed.

Carol Jorgenson Mince representing her family and long-term friends of Mr. Bedwell and she is supportive of the name change.

Carleen Bedwell stated that she and her two sons strongly support the recommendation of staff and the PRC to rename the park. Her family revolved around Menlo Park and how interwoven their lives was with the City of Menlo Park. Mike enjoyed being City Manager of Menlo Park and had fun at it and wanted to help others have fun as well. That did not distract from getting the work done. He included many people in the work that he did. 18 years after leaving the city there were over 100 people who attended the memorial service. It would thrill Mike to know that he is held in high regard by so many people in the community in so many levels and roles. It would have been a thrill to him and having the park renamed after him would be an honor.

Doug Dupen comments read by Mr. Bedwell's son – he served on the Council for two terms. There are many legacies that Mike Bedwell stands out for. He used the dump regularly prior to it becoming a park.

Jack Morris stated he was a member of the Planning Commission and City Council for many years and 16 were during the time Mike was the CM. Over the time that the idea of the park began, and the time that Menlo Park actually took possession and started the processes and real work of turning it into a park. The Menlo Park City Council had many turnovers with 18 different Council members that interacted with Mr. Bedwell. He served on the Council when the policy was originated. It arose shortly after a community organizer passed away and there was a movement to have the Belle Haven Recreation Center. At that time there was no policy and there were councilmembers who felt that there should be a policy and the policy that is in place was adopted. There is nothing in the policy that stated there has to be compelling reasons to waive the policy.

H. Robinson stated that he learned a lot of history regarding what he had done and the direct involvement in getting this done from the letters and the staff report. Could you imagine that happening today? He has some appreciation of the hurdles and work it had to have taken to get this accomplished. He has heard the concerns and what does it mean, getting maps redone. He has been persuaded that this is appropriate and also to waive both policies. He would urge staff in the future to bring items such as this within the timelines of policies. This policy should be revisited. Mike Bedwell has been retired from the city for 17 years and waiting another five years would not be reasonable. He is supportive of the name change.

J. Boyle was touched by many stories and letters. The day of his retirement and the first thing he did when he got into the limo was to drive around Bayfront Park. He believes and it is clear from the comments that the name should be renamed. The question is when should it be done. There are policies and procedures in place for a reason. How do you continue to make exceptions to the policy and then be able to say no to the next person. He would support that for now a story board, signage in Mike's honor be done and the renaming be revisited. There is no intent on his part to not rename the park but the timing is his concern. Why have a policy if there is not going to be strong justification to break that policy.

R. Cline stated that he understands why there is a five year waiting period. There are not many Bedwell's and he understands why this has been pushed through by staff and a commission. This can create obstacles in the future. He supports the name change.

K. Fergusson stated that she tried to come into the meeting with an open mind on the topic. As she read through the packet, she looked at the Council policy. She thought that she would be leaning toward the dedication. The testimony tonight and the stories that she has read are amazing. What he accomplished in creating Bayfront Park are extraordinary and unique.

A. Cohen stated that he would name it Bedwell Park but he sees that he is outnumbered. He heard the remarks that support the story board, he recognizes that the vast majority is to keep both names in the name of the park and he is ready to yield on that. This is quite amazing that there was a man that not only got a park and a sculpture included but served this city for 28 years. That is quite remarkable. He is sure that there are others that served for that long, but not at that level. He can not conceive anything but renaming the park.

Motion and second (Robinson/Fergusson) to accept the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission and staff to change the name of Bayfront Park to Bedwell Bayfront Park and to include authorizing the staff to proceed with the creation of a storyboard recognizing Mike Bedwell's involvement in the actual history in the creation of the park and to include specific findings that this exception that include the waiver of the policy both to the six months and five years, the exception is based on the extraordinary length of service of Mr. Bedwell and his leadership and extraordinary role and involvement in bringing Bayfront Park to fruition and to direct staff to bring back CC-86 Naming and/or Changing the Name of Facilities Policy back to Council for consideration of changes in the future.

Substitute motion by J. Boyle to dedicate the park, create a storyboard and postpone the renaming of the park to be within the current Council policy. There was no second to the motion.

**Action :** The Main Motion and second (Robinson/Fergusson) and passed unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission and staff to change the name of Bayfront Park to Bedwell Bayfront Park and to include authorizing the staff to proceed with the creation of a storyboard recognizing Mike Bedwell's involvement in the actual history in the creation of the park and to include specific findings that this exception that include the waiver of the policy both to the six months and five years, the exception is based on the extraordinary length of service of Mr. Bedwell and his leadership and extraordinary role and involvement in bringing Bayfront Park to fruition and to direct staff to bring back CC-86 Naming and/or Changing the Name of Facilities Policy back to Council for consideration of changes in the future.

## **2. Approval of parking restrictions between**

Randy Craig stated that on Marcusson Drive when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street, the roadway is less than 20 feet. There has been an increase in the parking by high school students on Marcusson. Staff recommendation was to add parking restriction signs.

K. Fergusson asked about the letter from Father LaBelle.

R. Cline asked about the strategy on Ringwood parking and what impact would that have. C. Taylor advised that Ringwood would be in Atherton and he believes their concern would be bike traffic.

J. Boyle asked about the parking spaces would be lost based on the closing of Marcusson. R. Craig advised that some would park on Oak Grove. C. Taylor stated that it could change travel behavior. They could park on other streets in the area and the Transportation Commission did ask that it be monitored. J. Boyle asked why not just close one side of Marcusson. C. Craig stated that there was almost 100% of the residents on Marcusson signed a petition. C. Taylor added that the site distance would still be an issue.

H. Robinson asked for clarification on the parking restrictions and the red curbs that were discussed in the staff presentation. C. Taylor stated that the piece on Oak Grove was information because the red curbs will be done administratively. H. Robinson asked if the school has added parking spaces. C. Taylor stated that they do not have confirmation of changes by the school district. Typically during the fall it is less of an issue because in the spring more sophomores obtain their licenses and so there are additional vehicles. H. Robinson asked if there is a plan to revisit this at a later date. C. Taylor stated that staff felt they would not revisit this but the Council could request that it be brought back.

R. Cline asked if there would be an evaluation of this issue.

Douglas Andreae thanked the Council for addressing this issue. The road was recently repaved and resurfaced. Marcusson is a popular place to park because it is out of site of the high school. The most inexperienced drivers are using this road. As long as the students know that they are out of the site of the high school they feel free to hang out at their cars and do other things such as smoke. It is a bigger issue than just parking.

Nancy Martin representing the residents of Marcusson Drive stated that their peaceful street has become the overflow parking for the high school. When residents called the school they were informed that students were off-campus and it was not within their authority. There are no sidewalks. Without any restrictions to parking it puts the residents at risk. There are no options to walk or ride bikes down the middle of the road. Children are being encouraged to bicycle to school but they have to do so in the middle of the street. It obstructs the drivers leaving driveways to the pedestrian and bicycle traffic. They understand that all juniors and seniors will be encouraged to park on campus. Marcusson is located conveniently located near campus. Sophomores will never be allowed to park on campus and they will continue to park on Marcusson.

Rev. Patrick LaBelle stated that their issues are more than safety. They are issues dealing with illegal drugs and tagging and would hope that they would be included in the deliberations.

Sister Marie Christine stated that she is representing the monastery and she supports the restricted parking with the condition that something done on Oak Grove. There are three driveways and provide off-street parking to all of their customers. They have no visibility to exit the driveways. The analysis of 6 feet for 25 mph was given. She is asking for ten feet on each side of the driveways so that people can safely exit the property. The other issue discussed was time restrictions on Oak Grove. She is not in favor of that. To facilitate the parking she asks that there be designated parking spaces. Some students try to fit three cars into what should be only two. Vehicles are also blocking their driveway.

Lucienne Woods stated that this is mainly a safety issue for the residents. Since there are no sidewalks, they are in the street to walk. She has had conversations with students and they were told to park on Marcusson by the school. The parking issue should have been considered while working on the construction. The principal stated that there are problems in other areas. Atherton put parking restrictions signs prior to construction. Marcusson will continue to be a Menlo-Atherton High School parking lot if the signs are not being put up. The school needs to take responsibility for the parking for their students.

H. Robinson thanked staff for making this a priority to reach a solution. He is very sympathetic to the comments made by the residents on the issue. The school district can be a challenge to deal with. This is a multi-jurisdictional issue and can be difficult. This issue should have been addressed prior to construction. School Districts have a lot of latitude. It should be considered to send a letter from the Mayor to the Menlo Atherton School addressing the issues that were raised tonight and to remind the school that the students will have to be parking in the neighborhoods, gets them out of the site of the school. Ask the students to be respectful; it may let them know we are watching. The enforcement will still be a part of this and it sounds like the police department has been responsive. Citations can have an impact on the issue. The number of trips going to the school needs to be looked at. There is a school trip reduction project and there are two schools identified and one is Menlo-Atherton High School. There is a lot of potential to get kids out of their cars and to use alternatives. There appears to be some positive work at the other schools in town. There were issues raised beyond parking; drugs and loitering. Use the police force and code enforcement. He needs to understand the issues on Oak Grove better.

J. Boyle stated that on Oak Grove, what is the 85 percentile? C. Taylor stated it could be closer to 30 mph. There was no person present representing the school. Does the school support the recommendations made by staff. C. Taylor stated that they have not given their support, but they are aware of the recommendation. Taylor stated that the school has attempted to work on the parking. The school did send out flyers for two days in an attempt to get them to be good neighbors. J. Boyle stated that the kids are required to show up at the building and they may not have any alternative to arrive at the location. These are public streets and drivers have the right to park on public streets by the public. He understands the nearly unanimously petition from the neighborhood. The narrow street does justify one side of the street. He has lived on a street that had a lot of church parking so he understands. When there is no parking near where you are wanting to go people will speed up and go around and around looking for parking making it more dangerous. He is disappointed that the school did not do something. Kids will be driving faster to find parking four blocks away instead of two blocks away.

A. Cohen stated that he met with the superintendent months ago and then Rich and Heyward met with him regularly and he is wondering if we might not reach out to the school either to the district or Menlo-Atherton High School to see if we could get some communication going. Can we try this? G. Rojas advised that the school district and the superintendent have been contacted.

R. Cline stated that there is useful parking down Middlefield and possibly use this space to see if there is a potential for using this. H. Robinson stated that they own the parking lot at Ravenswood and – and SRI stated that they had experience with students parking in that lot at one time but the experience was not good and SRI advised they would not allow it again.

K. Fergusson advised that these cars would find another place to park when the restrictions will go into place. The residents have been suffering with this for over a year. Some solutions could be temporary and some permanent. Hopefully parking will get better when the construction is complete.

Propose staff recommendation with modifications:

I/O Vellum Rosa Center put the green hatch as no parking 7-9 and on weekdays

On the Corpus Christi Monastery side 10 feet towards traffic and 5 feet to the other direction

Make parking spaces

B. McClure stated that it is not agendaized for restrictions on Oak Grove.

**Action:** Motion and second (Fergusson/Cline) to approve staff recommendation with the exception that the property curb line I/O the Vallombrosa Center be brought back to Council on consent for 7-9 a.m. parking and that within the authority of staff's discretion be done on both sides of the driveway at Corpus Christi Monastery property and to have staff mark the remaining parking spaces and to bring back increasing the distance of the red curbs adjacent to driveways. Staff directed to assess parking numbers on Pine and Cherry Streets to see the impacts on those streets with the new restrictions.

R. Cline asked if staff had looked into the changes being proposed with the motion. C. Taylor advised that staff has looked at these. R. Cline is concerned with the adjacent streets and he would like to see a formal assessment now to see if there is an impact. He does not want to see this as a rolling problem.

J. Boyle stated that he is uncomfortable making all of these changes to staff recommendations. How hard is it from the standpoint of lifting parking restrictions? C. Taylor advised that it would be the same process.

Substitute motion and second (Boyle/Robinson) to adopt staff recommendation and monitor parking and impacts on Corpus Christi Monastery and Vallombrosa Center.

H. Robinson stated that parking will go someplace else and it will need to be monitored. This is a tool that the City has and ultimately the city still needs to work with the school district. It could be a goal to eliminate 25-40 cars traveling to the school. He is sympathetic to Vallombrosa Center concerns and it needs to be looked at. C. Taylor advised that the Transportation Commission did look at the Center and made the recommendation of the red curbs. It may be more prudent to do staff recommendation with staff doing the red curbs and using their judgment for the painting of parking spaces.

K. Fergusson stated that there is a property owner who knows the property better than anybody else. The Council needs to look at more than just the traffic. The Council needs to look at the broad picture and not just traffic.

J. Boyle stated that the Council should take one step at a time. This is a significant movement by cutting out forty parking spaces. The city should go slow on this issue.

R. Cline stated that some of the areas are people loitering and doing some things are illegal and some that are intimidating. Maybe a discussion with the school, neighbors and the police department to address some of those issues.

The vote to entertain the substitute motion passed 4-1 with Fergusson dissenting.

A. Cohen is troubled that the outreach has not been very effective. He would like the help of the City Manager to outreach to the principal or superintendent and try to set up a meeting for a more in depth conversation.

**Action:** Substitute motion and second (Boyle/Robinson) and passed unanimously to adopt staff recommendation and monitor parking and impacts on Corpus Christi Monastery and Vallombrosa Center.

3. Approval of the City of Menlo Park's Sidewalk Master Plan and approval office segments to survey resident support for implementation of fiscal year 2008-2009 Sidewalk Accessibility Project ([Staff Report #08-126](#))

**Action:** Motion and second (Robinson/Fergusson) and passed 3-1-1 (Ayes – Cline, Fergusson and Robinson; Noes – Boyle; Abstain – Cohen) to adopt staff proposal and adding Gilbert from Santa Monica to Santa Margarita to the list and to add a disclaimer/explanatory box stating that the map is in a work in progress.

4. Appointment of a City Council Subcommittee to evaluate the Development Agreement for proposed mixed use office, research and development, hotel and health club project located at 101 to 144 Constitution Drive and 100 to 190 Independence Drive ([Staff Report #08-127](#))

Mr. Speer suggested that the Council hire outside professional expertise at the cost of the city and not the developers to assist with this process.

K. Fergusson appreciates the suggestion to bring in professional expertise and could be in the city's best interest. To create a subcommittee -- to be proactive is -- It does bear thinking about the outreach process that is used. Agrees with creating a subcommittee for this project. She is willing to serve in the subcommittee.

J. Boyle asked to respond to Mr. Speer's comments to hire an outside expert. G. Rojas stated that he has been involved in three major development agreements and they have not always hired an outside expert. The size of the negotiating team is not too large as there are members on the team with specific expertise. J. Boyle stated the DA is a significant process. Maybe the subcommittee can explore hiring an outside expert. He is willing to serve on the subcommittee.

A. Cohen stated that when he saw the email from Mr. Blowey that he had already placed a call to the City Attorney. He would like it broken down into two phases.

**Action:** Motion/second (Boyle/Fergusson) and passed unanimously to create the Council subcommittee meet with staff and return to the Council with a process for the negotiation steam, process of public input and other processes to bring back the full Council.

**Action:** Motion/second (Cline/Robinson) and passed unanimously to nominate Cohen and Fergusson as the councilmembers to serve as the Council subcommittee.

5. Consideration of state and federal legislative items, including decisions to support or oppose any such legislation land items listed under written Communication or Information Item.

H. Robinson asked that a letter be drafted regarding not cutting literacy funds to balance the state budget.

**G. CITY MANAGER REPORTS** – None

**H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION** – None

**I. INFORMATION ITEM** – None

**J. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

K. Fergusson – has a conflict for Thursday night for C/CAG which is an election issue which also conflicts alternate A. Cohen.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2** – None

**L. ADJOURNMENT** – 12:20 a.m.

Margaret S. Roberts, MMC  
City Clerk

Approved at the Council meeting of November 18, 2008