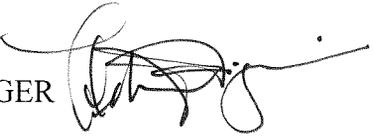




MEETING DATE: 12/05/05
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ADDENDUM

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2005
TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER 
SUBJECT: REVIEW UPDATED REPORT ON ROBERTS ROAD BRIDGE AND
PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF

DISCUSSION:

Attached, for your information, are two additional e-mails that were received.

Attachments:

1. 12/1/05 e-mail from Peggy Willey
2. 12/2/05 e-mail from Kim Gavin

PREPARED BY:


PAMELA S. JACOBS
Assistant Town Manager

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Reviewed by: _____ Assistant Town Manager _____ Town Attorney _____ Clerk Administrator
_____ Finance _____ Community Development

Revised: 12/2/05 3:01 pm

Reformatted: 5/30/02

From: Peggy Willey <peggy.willey@comcast.net>
To: <manager@losgatosca.gov>
Date: 12/1/2005 5:43:17 PM
Subject: Robert's Road Bridge

Town Manager . Town of Los Gatos council members.

I wish the Roberts Road bridge to be reopened. My belief is that there is no such term as Local Historic, only State historic or Federal Historic. Therefore Roberts road bridge is only a local bridge. There is a very easy and inexpensive way to have the bridge opened for our neighborhood. Place restrictive height and width barriers, so only cars can pass through thus giving us access to our neighborhood.

Please reconsider your past action and give us back this bridge.

Peggy Willey 134 Ohlone Court.

Patsy Garcia - Re: Roberts Road Bridge

From: <kingavin@comcast.net>
To: <dmenutt@losgatosca.gov>, <jpirzynski@losgatosca.gov>, <sglickman@losgatosca.gov>, <bspector@losgatosca.gov>, <mwasserman@losgatosca.gov>, <manager@losgatosca.gov>
Date: 12/2/2005 12:44 PM
Subject: Re: Roberts Road Bridge

I'm sorry I wrote your presidents name wrong. It should read Peter Littman. Sorry for the mistake. Please see the new attachment with change.

Regards,
Kim Gavin

----- Original message -----

I hope that you will take the time to read the attached letter. Before the Town Council meeting on Monday.

Regards,
Los Gatos Glen Board Members

Attachment 2

To the Mayor and Town Council Members of Los Gatos,

Based on a report prepared by the Parks and Public Works Department, we understand the Roberts Road Bridge is not a historic bridge by Federal and state guidelines. We understand that the Town can give the bridge historic status, but that does not help in getting outside funds to repair the bridge. In reading this new report, we see there are things that were not addressed in this report that we believe should have been.

One item not mentioned in the report was the completion of an environmental review and ordinance approval of the Vasona Heights subdivision (now known as Los Gatos Glen) which was done 10 years ago. This ordinance was approved by the Town of Los Gatos. The ordinance stated, that the developer (Summerhill Homes) that a condition of the subdivision approval was keeping the bridge open to traffic. Other conditions included the developer requirement to supply a signal light at Blossom Hill Road and various improvements to Blossom Hill Road.

In a previous report presented by the Town on May 2nd it was stated in a report that the bridge could remain open to traffic for an extended period of time if there were vehicle weight controls. The Town had signs placed at the bridge in attempt to stop large trucks from driving over the bridge. It was suggested that the Town put up poles like they do at parking garages to stop large vehicle from driving through. The Town's feeling was it would cost too much to do. We were told by a contractor to construct the parking-garage-type poles the cost would be around 10 to 15 thousand dollars. This would seem to be a reasonable and modest cost solution.

If the Town council decides giving the bridge a historic designation, the Town will not receive any grants or funding from the state or Federal source. Having the weight bearing deterrent provided by the parking-garage-type poles would give the town the time to further work on outside funding, while allowing the bridge to remain open. This bridge can no longer be ignored. If the town wishes to make this a historic bridge and spend tax payer money in making this happen, the Town voters and neighborhood residents should be informed and allowed to vote on such a decision.

The other option is to let Caltrans pay to replace the bridge at a minimal cost to the Town. We can create a bridge with the same appeal and charm the Town believes it currently projects. Keep it as a one lane bridge and commemorate its history with plaque describing its long history. This would be a more meaningful, not to mention favorable, legacy for this Town Council to leave the residents of Los Gatos.

The Los Gatos Glen Board Members
Kim Gavin, Peter Littman and Tassia Babalis