



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

7:00 PM – Regular Meeting of the Town Council
 Wednesday, March 8, 2017
 Historic Schoolhouse
 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

7:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Councilmember Derwin, Councilmember Aalfs, Councilmember Wengert, Vice Mayor Richards and Mayor Hughes

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Persons wishing to address the Town Council on any subject may do so now. Please note however, that the Council is not able to undertake extended discussion or action tonight on items not on the agenda.

1. **PRESENTATION** - Garrett Kuramoto, Branch Manager for Portola Valley and Woodside Libraries; Library Update (3)

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and approved by one roll call motion. The Mayor or any member of the Town Council or of the public may request that any item listed under the Consent Agenda be removed and action taken separately.

2. **Approval of Minutes** – Town Council Meeting of February 22, 2017 (4)
3. **Approval of Warrant List** – March 8, 2017 (14)

REGULAR AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4. **Recommendation by Town Manager** – Appointment of Members to the Sustainability and Environmental Resources (25) Committee
 - (1) Bacon, Virginia
 - (2) Loader, Jayne
 - (3) McClintock, Meredith
 - (4) Salah, George
 - (5) Strong, Anne-Laure
 - (6) Unnasch, Stefan

COMMITTEE REPORTS & REQUESTS

5. **PRESENTATION** – Town Center Master Plan Committee Update (37)
6. **COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES REPORTS**

Report by Town Council Members – Brief announcements or reports on items of significance for the entire Town (153) Council arising out of liaison appointments to both in-town and regional committees and initiatives. *There are no written materials and the Town Council does not take action under this agenda item.*
7. **Town Manager Report** (154)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

8. **Town Council Digest** – February 24, 2017 (155)
9. **Town Council Digest** – March 3, 2017 (165)

ADJOURNMENT

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SUBMITTAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. If you challenge any proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing(s) described in this agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).

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There are no written materials for item #1 – Presentation by Garrett Kuramoto, Branch Manager for Portola Valley and Woodside Libraries.

PORTOLA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NO. 944, FEBRUARY 22, 2017

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Hughes called the Town Council's Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Hanlon called the roll.

Present: Councilmembers Mary Ann Moise Derwin and Ann Wengert; Vice Mayor John Richards, Mayor Craig Hughes.

Absent: Councilmember Aalfs

Others: Jeremy Dennis, Town Manager
Leigh Prince, Town Attorney
Debbie Pedro, Planning Director
Howard Young, Public Works Director
Brandi de Garneau, Sustainability & Special Projects Manager
Susan Cope, Administrative Services Manager
Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PRESENTATION

- (1) Recognition of Cameron Jones for Participation and First Award in the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair Association's Synopsis Championship

Dr. Katy Korsmeyer, Board Member, Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair Association, said they were a volunteer organization managing the County's Regional Science Fair for the past 55 years, in which approximately 1,000 students from grades 6 to 12 participate. She said the organization's mission is to awaken more students to the wonder and power of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Dr. Korsmeyer introduced Cameron Jones, from Harker School. Cameron and his project, Laser Etching of Graphene Oxide to Create High Energy Density Micro-Supercapacitors, took first place in his category at the Synopsis Science and Technology Championship March 2016, and went on to the California State Science Fair. She thanked the Council and the community for recognizing and publicly acknowledging Cameron's significant achievement.

Dr. Korsmeyer announced that the public viewing of the project is Thursday, March 23, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the San Jose Convention Center.

Mayor Hughes presented Cameron Jones with a certificate of recognition.

CONSENT AGENDA [7:07 p.m.]

- (2) Approval of Minutes: Town Council Regular Meeting of February 8, 2017.
- (3) Approval of Warrant List: February 22, 2017, in the amount of \$51,437.64.
- (4) Recommendation by Administrative Services Director – Audit and Financial Statements for FYE 06/30/16

Vice Mayor Richards moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Wengert; the motion carried 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- (5) Discussion and Council Action – Town Resolution Affirming its Commitment to a Diverse, Supportive, Inclusive and Protective Community
 - (a) Adoption of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley Affirming Portola Valley’s Commitment to a Diverse, Supportive, Inclusive, and Protective Community (Resolution No. 2717-2017)

Town Attorney Prince presented the staff report. She defined “Supportive Community,” which is the item before the Council tonight, and “Sanctuary City,” which is not on the agenda but may be considered as a future agenda item if desired.

Mayor Hughes called for questions from the Council.

Councilmember Derwin asked how much federal money the Town currently receives. Town Manager Dennis said the Town has received money in the past related to stimulus and there are monies that come through transportation sources, but there is no direct source of Federal income received on a regular basis. He said the Town could request money in the case of a declaration of emergency or FEMA issue.

Councilmember Wengert asked how much FEMA money was received when the Town dealt with Upper Alpine in the late ‘90s. Public Works Director Howard Young said he thought it was \$8 or \$9 million.

Councilmember Derwin asked if there were currently any Sanctuary Cities in San Mateo County. Town Manager Dennis said there were none in San Mateo County. Town Attorney Prince said there were many in the state including San Francisco, San Jose, Berkeley, Santa Clara, Oakland, Alameda, Richmond, and Davis. Town Manager Dennis said at least three cities in the area have taken some sort of action similar to the action before the Council tonight, including Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and San Mateo County. Town Attorney Prince said Redwood City is planning to consider it soon.

Councilmember Derwin asked what the difference was between this resolution and a Sanctuary City Ordinance. Town Attorney Prince said the ordinance has the force of law with violations of the ordinance being subject to legal action, whereas a resolution does not have the force of law. She said it remains to be seen how the Executive Branch will interpret what is a Sanctuary City, so even if an Ordinance is adopted, it could be deemed to be noncompliant with the Executive Order.

Mayor Hughes asked if the Town could take administrative action against a violation of the resolution. Town Attorney Prince said if an employee violates Town policy, the Town could go through the proper channels as laid out in the Personnel Manual to address the issue.

Councilmember Derwin asked how this proposed resolution compares with the one in Menlo Park. Town Attorney Prince said she also drafted the Menlo Park resolution. She said Palo Alto and Menlo Park resolutions are similar to the proposed resolution for Portola Valley. She said there are some differences because of the specifics of the communities, but the resolution statements are the same. The proposed whereas regarding the Town’s desire to be a community free from fear is not in the Menlo Park or Palo Alto resolutions.

Councilmember Derwin asked if it would require a separate resolution if the Town wanted to take a formal stand against the latest Executive Order calling for increasing immigrant deportations. Town Attorney Prince said it would be a separate action.

Councilmember Derwin asked if Sheriff Deputies can currently arrest or detain an individual on the basis of an ICE request. Salvador Zuno, Public Information Officer for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, said they could not, because that is a federal warrant and they are not federal agents.

Councilmember Wengert asked how likely it is that SB54 will pass, making California a Sanctuary State. Town Manager Dennis said the bill has been put on delay and sent to Appropriations, which suggests there are issues.

Councilmember Wengert asked if anything about this proposal would change the behavior and daily activities of the Sheriff's Deputies. Deputy Zuno said the sanctuary status does not change the way they operate because their priority is and always will be the safety of the communities. He said if somebody commits a crime, they will follow up with a citation or arrest based on the crime committed regardless of their citizenship.

Vice Mayor Richards asked the Sheriffs if there had been any previous requests from ICE to assist in apprehending people who might be violating federal laws and may be in the region. Deputy Zuno reiterated that the Sheriffs are responsible for public safety and ICE is a federal law enforcement agency. Deputy Zuno said that if ICE reported that a very dangerous individual was located within San Mateo County and they provided very specific information as to the want and that this individual was a threat to the community, the Sheriffs would likely assist. He stressed that they would assist because the person is a threat to the community, not because of the individual's immigration status.

Mayor Hughes said his concern is fear among members of the community with regard to approaching Sheriffs, and wants them to feel safe and comfortable working with the Sheriff's Department. He asked if the Sheriff's Department had any concerns in that area. Lt. Christina Corpus, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, said they have worked very hard to establish nurturing relationships with every member of the community. She said legal status is not a priority for the Sheriff's Department. She acknowledged that they also feel the anxiety and get called upon daily regarding rumors about ICE raids. She said there is fear in the community amongst people with undocumented family members. She said the Sheriff's Department is doing as much outreach as possible, with a program that's been active since 1999, to assist immigrants with education, adjusting to a new country, and helping them with their children. She offered to bring the program group to Portola Valley if desired. She said there is a fear that people will not report crimes, especially domestic violence crimes, due to their immigration status.

Councilmember Derwin said the latest out of Homeland Security states "enlist local police officers as enforcers." She asked where the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office fits into that. Lt. Corpus said currently they enforce state and local laws. She said the Sheriff would have to give a directive to do that, but it is not something that they're looking to do and there are no current plans to do so.

With no further questions from Council, Mayor Hughes invited public comment.

Caroline Vertongen, said she has been a resident of Portola Valley for 24 years and is an American citizen. She said she is an advocate for students who are not represented or helped by law enforcement. She said there are already existing laws that guarantee no discrimination or hate crimes or sexual abuse, yet District Attorneys Wagstaffe and Rosen do not help them. She said there is a huge disconnect and a lot of false advertisement. She said Supervisor Horsley told her that her best bet would be to get the help from Attorney General Kamala Harris, which she has tried to do since 2012. She said she has been addressing this for eight years to Congresswoman Eshoo and Senator Feinstein and she is now reaching out to the White House because California has not done anything.

Joann Loulan said she supports the resolution because it is important for the Town to show support for the people who are fearful.

With no further public comment, Mayor Hughes brought the issue back to the Council for discussion.

Councilmember Derwin said she fully supports the resolution but wishes it was stronger. She said even if SB54 doesn't go anywhere, she would support including in the resolution the Town's support of the proposed bill. She said she would encourage the San Mateo Board of Supervisors to refrain from responding to ICE requests for notification.

Councilmember Wengert said she fully supports the resolution and said it is a very important and necessary first step, especially in the current environment. She said while she may have suggested some edits, in the spirit of moving it forward she fully supports the resolution in its current form.

Vice Mayor Richards was supportive of the resolution as written. He also suggested the Town send a letter to the legislature in support of SB54.

Mayor Hughes was supportive of the resolution. He said acting quickly on this is very important. He said he was concerned about news reports that when police agencies fingerprint individuals, it triggers alerts in the system that bring ICE to make arrests.

Councilmember Derwin moved to approve the Adoption of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley Affirming Portola Valley's Commitment to a Diverse, Supportive, Inclusive, and Protective Community, adding an additional item, #7, indicating that the Town of Portola Valley supports SB54, the California Values Act. Seconded by Councilmember Wengert; the motion carried 4-0.

(6) Discussion and Council Action – Council Priorities Study Session

Town Manager Dennis, Town Attorney Prince, and Clerk Sharon Hanlon were joined by the Town's management team to answer any questions the Council may have related to building out the priorities for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Town Manager Dennis presented the staff report with a review of the status of current priorities and explanation of future priorities. He said the development of the Council priorities list last year was very helpful and gave staff a clear sense of direction on items important to the Council. He thanked the staff for all of their hard work.

In response to Mayor Hughes's question, Town Manager Dennis said staff would like to hear Council's discussion to help inform their budget process that will begin in a few weeks. He said as that process continues they will come back with a draft final list for Council approval in late-April or early-May.

Mayor Hughes called for questions from the Council. Hearing none, he invited public comment or questions. Hearing none, Mayor Hughes brought the item back to the Council for discussion.

Town Manager Dennis pointed out that staff identified three items from the FY2016-17 Council Priorities list that they anticipate should be rolled over to the next year's priority list –Communications with Residents, Housing Strategic Plan recommendations, and the Town Center Master Plan process.

In response to Councilmember Derwin's question, Town Manager Dennis explained that the Housing Strategic Plan was a set of recommendations that Council approved in October related to housing options in Town, which resulted in the creation of the ad-hoc committee, and related to affordable housing, second units, etc.

Councilmember Wengert said there are so many subcategories already developing regarding the Housing Strategic Plan, there could be benefit to breaking it down to better illuminate and differentiate between the various initiatives they have already started. The Council agreed.

Town Manager Dennis said there were 11 recommendations that were part of what the Council adopted, including second units and junior second units, which is ongoing at the Planning Commission and ASCC. He said they anticipate a product from them before the end of the fiscal year that would come to Council for approval. He said staff has been asked to look at expansion of the Affiliated Housing Program, which will go into the next fiscal year. He said they have accelerated the process of the Ad Hoc Committee,

trying to have them meet as much as possible in order to develop recommendations the Council can review. He said based on the interest of that Committee, it is entirely possible they will bring something to the Council before the end of the fiscal year. He said there were recommendations related to how the Town would spend inclusionary housing dollars, revisiting a draft of the housing nexus study, working with home sharing programs, etc. He said some of the product will be brought before Council before the end of the fiscal year. He said the implementation piece, however, will go into the new year.

Councilmember Derwin asked regarding the Housing Impact Fee. Town Manager Dennis said that is the Housing Nexus Study and one recommendation was to continue with that study in order to have a product to bring back to Council, but the Council's direction was to hold off on that and not make any alterations or changes until there was more of an understanding of the various pieces related to Housing that the Council may want to fund.

Vice Mayor Richards said they need to understand the scope of all the projects that fall under the priority list in order to understand how many priorities can realistically be addressed. He said it seems as if the focus turns to projects and the priorities are forgotten about. He said Item 2.a., Rural Character of the Town, is huge and very important, and he doesn't want to lose it to all the rest of the priorities.

Mayor Hughes said that is true to some degree but they are only looking ahead a year. He said talking about priorities is in practice talking about projects. He said it's good to have an abstraction of the overriding four or five goals or areas to be worked on, but what's been official about having the priorities process is going down to the project level and identifying projects to be included in the year's work.

Councilmember Wengert said she does not want to inundate staff breaking it down would help ensure a particular area isn't overloaded. Town Manager Dennis said there is incredible value in understanding, from the Council's perspective, the areas where there should be some focus. He said when they come back they can report how much work they feel they can accomplish per the Council's recommendations, and point out pieces that are beyond what they can do this year.

Mayor Hughes said the priorities might be tagged with functional areas or departments to get a sense of how much work will be going on where. Town Manager Dennis said a few of items presented, such as Item 2.b and 2.d, involve everyone, some of which comes from the desire of the management team to ensure that there are a variety of different ways to tackle problems. He said something like Climate Resiliency could certainly have an impact on the Planning Department because it might require looking at zoning differently. He said Fiscal Health of the Town involves every department.

The Council agreed that Code Enforcement, which was on the FY2016-17 priority list, should be ongoing.

Mayor Hughes asked for an update regarding Communications. Town Manager Dennis said he anticipates a Council-level conversation in March related to a suite of communication items, including the potential of buying an app to help communicate with the public, understanding the town's relationship to the existing tools, and how time is utilized to communicate with the public. In response to Mayor Hughes' question, Town Manager Dennis said this item will continue into the next year, mostly from an implementation standpoint, particularly as it relates to resources allocated to ensuring that the communication is robust and timely.

Mayor Hughes asked if staff anticipated a lot more work next year with regard to Community Choice Energy support. Sustainability & Special Projects Manager Brandi de Garneau said a lot will be done in this fiscal year, but it remains to be seen how much ongoing support will be needed after that, depending upon community response. She said it would be nice to allow some time to take advantage of whatever opportunities present themselves because the PCE 100 percent renewable electricity opens a lot of opportunities for fuel switching, energy efficiency, and other programs that are still unknown.

Regarding FAA/Noise Abatement, Councilmember Wengert said it is impossible to predict what will happen, other than anticipated ongoing efforts at some level. She said it is hard to predict if they will be

more active than they were this past year, because there are so many unknowns and uncertainty at this point. She would suggest this item remain as a medium priority to be managed as needed.

Mayor Hughes said the LAIF alternate investment scheme should be completed this fiscal year. Town Manager Dennis said the Finance Committee appointed a subcommittee to work directly with him and Administrative Services Manager Susan Cope to address some of the specific issues brought up at their last meeting, primarily around selection of a broker. He said because Council has directed the process to move forward over the course of a year instead of all at one time, this item will extend into next fiscal year.

Mayor Hughes said OPEB would not be relevant for the coming year.

In response to Mayor Hughes, Town Manager Dennis said the Portola Road Shoulder Widening project will be completed by the end of this fiscal year. Councilmember Wengert asked when the repaving activities would occur. Public Works Director Howard Young said the current road widening pinch point project in front of the Town Center is slated to be completed before the end of the fiscal year. He said following up with that, almost concurrently, is base repairs and a Type 2 slurry seal on a section of Portola Road, which will also be completed by the end of the fiscal year. He said there are not funds available to do all of Portola Road that was trenched – by the water company and the sewer company – and they are concentrating on the area from Wyndham to the Town border with Woodside. Councilmember Wengert said if there were any additional funds available, she would encourage consideration of acceleration of that process, both from a budget and timing standpoint.

Mayor Hughes asked Public Works Director Young, given the current condition of the road, when it would normally be addressed as part of the normal rotation. Public Works Director said they try to do arterials and then switch and do collectors and residential every other year. He said in this case, it would be between one, two, and three years. He said Council should let him know if they want it done sooner. The Council agreed they should considering proceeding as soon as practical. The Council also agreed that the Town's streets are in better condition than most, thanks to the consistently good work of the Public Works Department. Town Manager Dennis said they also do not want to add to the citizens' roadwork fatigue due to repeated and continuing roadwork.

Mayor Hughes said the Springdown Vernal Pond project is waiting for the summer woodrat nesting season. Town Manager Dennis said it will be a fairly quick process and they anticipate completion by October.

Councilmember Derwin said the pond is a great example of green infrastructure, which is getting a lot of attention now, and should fall under long-term Climate Resiliency and Green Infrastructure. She said daylighting of creeks is a good thing to do as a green infrastructure project because it allows the water to seep into the aquifer and also helps with downstream flooding. Councilmember Derwin said they should think about green infrastructure to keep the water up in the water shed. Town Manager Dennis said Council's designation of priorities is critical for staff so that, as they go through the year, they can prioritize their time and bring forward ideas around those concepts. He said, in the case of Sustainability, if some version of climate resiliency is selected as a priority, staff will know to focus their energies into that. Councilmember Wengert said she is not sure what the options are and she would want to understand all that would go into that laundry list of possible green resiliency categories. Town Manager Dennis said this area can touch on specific projects related to issues the Town has direct control over, such as the Vernal Pond or Town Center rainwater collection, or it could have a relationship to the Zoning Code, putting in some pilot programs related to that. He said it could even have a relationship to the work done in Public Works, thinking differently about what materials are used, what the fields are going to look like, etc.

The Council agreed the Town Center Master Plan would be ongoing.

The Council then reviewed the draft FY2017-18 Council Priorities:

2.a. Rural Character of the Town – Mayor Hughes agreed this category needs some focus. The Council agreed that the new large homes and affordable housing fit into this category. Vice Mayor Richards said he sees it more general – making sure that all the Committees and Commissions understand how the General Plan should be interpreted, going back to the original concept and intent. Councilmember Wengert said there has been a fair amount of stretching of the interpretation of the General Plan with material choices, sizing, landscaping, exterior lighting, gates, and other issues pushing up against the outside boundaries. She said it's important, at the global planning level, to start some of the thought processes. Vice Mayor Richards said he does not think it requires a lot of new ideas but is more a reaffirmation of where the Town has been and making sure that the Planning Commissioners and ASCC Members are comfortable with their roles and understand the tools they have to work with.

Town Manager Dennis said on March 1 there will be a joint training session between the ASCC and the Planning Commission on a variety of issues. He asked if the Council sees future work required in the Zoning Code or Design Guidelines. Vice Mayor Richards said it would be great if someone could come up with a way that the subjective nature of the task could be a little more prescriptive, but that has never been accomplished. He said it is more a matter of a belief in and understanding of the statements already existing in the General Plan. Councilmember Wengert said the views of the collective minds of the ASCC and the Planning Commission will be very interesting to the Council, what they've see and where they see the greatest change and challenges in terms of the projects coming before them.

Town Manager Dennis said Public Works Director Young reminded him that the Public Works Department takes pride in their efforts to maintain the rural character of the Town and the choices they make regarding what things will look like as it relates to infrastructure. He said it can get down to the level of how they interact with the residents in the community, in Town Hall, and what that looks like. Do we want to embrace technology in a particular way? He said it can potentially be a very expansive conversation because, as he understands the Town ethos, it cuts to the core of what people think this place is. Councilmember Wengert said it has always been very hands on and technology does interrupt that to some degree.

2.b. Long-Term Climate Resiliency – Mayor Hughes mentioned Green Infrastructure, the Sustainability & Environmental Resources Committee (SERC), and PCE, and asked Sustainability & Special Projects Manager de Garneau what else she had in mind in this category. Ms. de Garneau said that part of this is looking at long-term climate resiliency as they go forward with their projects, for example if a field needs to be changed out with new sod, they look at what is the most water conserving sod or processes available at that time. She said PCE offers a lot of opportunity such as fuel switching from natural gas appliances to electric appliances since the Town is going to 100 percent renewable electricity. She said as far as looking at long-term climate resiliency in the broader scope, there is a lot of opportunity, which will be explored by the new committee, SERC. She said it is a process – analyzing the buildings to see where they could use some shoring up with energy and water efficiency, increasing the percentage of renewable energy with the fuel switching, and encouraging folks to add more solar to their homes. She said there is a lot of opportunity there and she wants to leave space in the plan to take advantage of the opportunities that are not yet defined. Town Manager Dennis said it is tremendously exciting, speaking from an internal perspective. He said the Town has benefited from a full-time Sustainability Manager who saw this as a need early on and who engaged the other Departments in that conversation, which has led to very creative thinking. He said it has been a joy to see the Department heads talk to one another about all being involved and how it affects what they do. Councilmember Derwin said it was great to see Parks & Recreation work with Conservation on the fields.

2.c. Pedestrian Safety – Mayor Hughes said although not on the priority list, general public safety became the number one priority. He said that this is broader than pedestrian safety and ties in with 2.f., Resident Resiliency. He said they may want to look at whether any adjustments should be made to the Sheriff's contract. He said the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator has been incredibly successful in setting up Neighborhood Watches around Town, which provides a tremendous opportunity to train some of those folks to do things helpful for the Town beyond their local neighborhoods. Town Manager Dennis said this fits in well with things that are already occurring in Town such as bringing Emergency Preparedness into

the fold of Neighborhood Watch and identifying people within the community to serve in the EOC. The Council agreed that 2.c and 2.f could be combined into a broader category with Resident Resiliency.

2.d. Fiscal Health of the Town – Mayor Hughes said the budget process is being updated and will continue into the next fiscal year. Councilmember Wengert said the review of the cost recovery for fees and permits is timely.

2.e. Recruitment and Retention of Staff – Town Manager Dennis said this is a challenging task, but there are active ways to encourage staff growth, emphasizing to staff that they want them to grow in their positions and take advantage of training, seminars, and education. He said there is some cross training going but is difficult to create those opportunities with a small staff. He said he included it in this list to bring it to Council's attention, not necessarily request direction.

2.f. Resident Resiliency – The Council agreed this category should be incorporated into a broader category including Pedestrian Safety (2.c).

Mayor Hughes asked the Council if there were any items not covered in the staff report.

Councilmember Derwin said she went to Joint Ventures State of the Valley Conference where the keynote was David Brooks. She said Mr. Brooks talked about the breakdown in community and fissure in the social fabric, with a lot more loneliness, people living alone, etc. She said it made her think of the strength and resilience of Portola Valley. Should there be more community building activities? Are there seniors in Town who are alone and lonely? Mayor Hughes said it ties in with the things like Neighborhood Watches. Councilmember Derwin said the Indivisible Group, the Farmer's Market, the concerts, and the film series are all important. She wondered if the Town was doing enough and doing the right things. Councilmember Wengert said some of that has slacked off due to lack of volunteers. She said maybe there's a new paradigm that is easier to pull together than Blues & Barbecue. Special Projects & Sustainability Manager de Garreaux said the Farmer's Market has really brought people together and been good for community building. She said the more that can be done with the Emergency Preparedness and Neighborhood Watch will build resiliency in the event of an emergency. She said, even with losing the Blues & Barbecue, the list of events for this year is big. She said they had discussed the idea of opening up the community hall for a community supper after or during the Farmer's Market. Mayor Hughes suggested encouraging block parties or neighborhood based events. Town Manager Dennis said a lot of this is about creating place. He said the Town Center has been successful at being a meeting place and place of identity for people in Portola Valley. He said with Windmill School coming in there is renewed interest in the area across the street also related to place. He said those are things that are happening which will play back into the rural character of the community and any Council direction is welcome.

Mayor Hughes said the Hawthorns trail may require some work in the coming year. Town Manager Dennis said he was notified today that tomorrow morning the Mid Pen Board of Directors are getting together for a retreat and Portola Valley's request for a realignment of the Hawthorns Trail is on the agenda. Planning Director Pedro will attend the meeting to represent the Town.

Councilmember Wengert asked about the topic of crosswalks. Mayor Hughes said citizens have brought concerns about a number of areas of concern to the Bicycle, Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Committee. He said it may make sense to escalate that and look at some solutions.

Town Manager Dennis confirmed with Council that several of the 2016-17 Council Priorities would be moving forward, either as priorities or continuing projects and that the 2017-18 list has some items to be combined, but is a good starting point. He said staff will look at the scope of work on the items and gauge how much staff time will be required for them. He said they will bring back a finalized document for review in April or May.

(7) COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES REPORTS

Councilmember Derwin – Attended a C/CAG Legislative Committee meeting where they discussed a Carbon Tax proposal. She said the \$650 million California rail grant commitment has been pulled and delayed. She said they passed the County Transportation Plan but will address an add-on piece at the next meeting to include measurable targets, the equity piece, and do more public outreach. She attended the February 13 ASCC meeting. She attended the first meeting of the Sustainability and Environmental Resources Committee (SERC), held on February 13, where they discussed fuel switching, the water efficiency analysis tool, the garbage franchise, and water conservation goals. She said the Earth Fair, Landscaping for the Future, will be held on April 22. The Garden Tour is on April 2 with nine gardens followed by a reception at the Schoolhouse. She said Sustainability & Special Projects Manager de Garreaux and Town Manager Dennis will be meeting with Cal Water about smart meters. Councilmember Derwin attended a C/CAG Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee meeting where BAWSCA gave a report; there was a meeting on greenhouse gas emissions and energy data challenges; and they discussed the San Mateo County Energy Strategy. She attended the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Housing Committee with Councilmember Wengert and Town Manager Dennis. They went through the list of 35 Town-owned properties, categorizing them into three groups of potential, and discussed the scope of the committee. She also attended a Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board meeting where they discussed the terms of their loan program and their event on May 11. She also attended the 2017 State of the Valley Conference that was incredible. They heard from fantastic speakers including Steven Goldsmith and Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Strategy and ended with David Brooks. Mr. Brooks talked about how our character is built on how we fulfill our promises and our integrity.

Councilmember Wengert – Attended the Ad-Hoc Housing Committee meeting with Councilmember Derwin and Town Manager Dennis. She said it was helpful to have Carter Warr there for his remarkable institutional knowledge of the parcels and history. She said he also discussed the affiliated entities, including the Hawthorns and the School District. She also attended a C/CAG Finance Committee meeting today.

Vice Mayor Richards – Attended the February 9 Cultural Arts Committee meeting. He said Walter Bortz will speak on March 14 in their speaker series. They are trying to establish a theme for the concert series.

Mayor Hughes – Will attend the February 23 PCE meeting, in place of Councilmember Aalfs. Mayor Hughes commented, in the context of maintaining the rural character of Town, the he was contacted by a constituent who would like to raise a cow at the Ranch and staff is trying to figure out how to make that work. Town Manager Dennis said at some point, before 1982, the portion of the Code relating to livestock disappeared although they cannot find any action that repealed it. Town Attorney Prince said she will double check on it, but said that if it was never repealed then, theoretically, it is still in effect. Mayor Hughes said occasionally things like this come up and it is something they would generally like to encourage, but there are sometimes logistical issues. In response to Councilmember Wengert's question, Town Attorney Prince said there was no definition of livestock in the Code. Town Manager Dennis suggested the livestock piece should be revised to be applicable to current times and current issues.

(8) Town Manager Report

Town Manager Dennis presented slides of the storm damage at upper Alpine and the creek outside town limits at Alpine and Arastradero. He said the problem at Alpine and Arastradero has been a known issue for six years. He said staff discussed the issue with the Deputy Director of Public Works of Santa Clara County yesterday, who expects to receive some emergency monies within a couple of weeks. He said he had a conversation yesterday with Joe Simitian's Chief of Staff who confirmed they were also aware of the situation. Town Manager Dennis said during the height of the storms, staff decided to set up on-call assistance, which was utilized. He said Portola Valley weathered the storm very well, thanks to the wonderful Public Works staff and their preparation. Town Manager Dennis said staff is beginning their 2017-'18 FY budget process. He said the ALPR item will come to Council in March. He reported on the unsatisfactory tree trimming by Woodside Fire Protection District at Alpine and Willowbrook. Town Manager Dennis said he spoke with the Chief on Friday and sent an email earlier tonight regarding communication about the scope of work and schedule, encroachment permits, the timing of the work

during the heavy rains, and limits regarding property lines and vegetation management. Mayor Hughes suggested a good model to follow would be the work Public Works Director Young did with Fire Marshal Enea prioritizing the trees for trimming. He said staff is in the final stages of preparing for a permanent 9/80 work schedule to begin in early April. He said PG&E will begin a project of removing a lead-based protective coating from 100-foot-tall transmission lines throughout the state. He said there are 400 in San Mateo County, but none in Portola Valley. He announced the Administrative Assistant Teresa Bowerman will be out for 8 to 10 weeks on a medical leave, and staff wishes her the best in her recovery.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS [9:15 p.m.]

(9) Town Council Digest – February 10, 2017

#7 – Invitation to the February 2017 Council of Cities Dinner Meeting – Friday, February 24, 2017. Councilmembers Derwin and Wengert will attend.

(10) Town Council Digest – February 17, 2017

None.

ADJOURNMENT [9:17 p.m.]

Mayor Hughes adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

Town Clerk

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ANIMAL DAMAGE MGMT INC	February Pest Control	18380	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
16170 VINEYARD BLVD. #150	804		03/08/2017	0.00
MORGAN HILL	BOA	51422	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 95037	96706			295.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-58-4240	Parks & Fields Maintenance	172.50	0.00
05-66-4342	Landscape Supplies & Services	122.50	0.00

Check No.	51422	Total:	295.00
Total for	ANIMAL DAMAGE MGMT INC		295.00

CALBO	Member Dues, Weiner	18381	03/08/2017	
	4/1/2017-3/31/18		03/08/2017	
1022 G STREET	0029		03/08/2017	0.00
SACRAMENTO	BOA	51423	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 95814				215.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-64-4322	Dues	215.00	0.00

Check No.	51423	Total:	215.00
Total for	CALBO		215.00

CALPERS	February Retirement	18426	03/08/2017	
FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION			03/08/2017	
ATTN: RETIREMENT PROG ACCTG	0107		03/08/2017	0.00
SACRAMENTO	BOA	51424	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94229-2703				18,470.22

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-00-2522	PERS Payroll	1,521.86	0.00
05-00-2556	Arrears Svc Cr	107.38	0.00
05-50-4080	Retirement - PERS	16,840.98	0.00

Check No.	51424	Total:	18,470.22
Total for	CALPERS		18,470.22

CLEANSTREET	January Litter/Street Clean	18382	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
1937 W. 169TH STREET	0034		03/08/2017	0.00
GARDENA	BOA	51425	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 90247-5254	85262			1,652.56

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-66-4342	Landscape Supplies & Services	74.00	0.00
20-60-4266	Litter Clean Up Program	680.62	0.00
22-60-4266	Litter Clean Up Program	897.94	0.00

Check No.	51425	Total:	1,652.56
Total for	CLEANSTREET		1,652.56

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COMCAST	WiFi, 2/21/17-3/20/17	18383	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
P.O. BOX 34227	0045		03/08/2017	0.00
SEATTLE	BOA	51426	03/08/2017	0.00
WA 98124-1227				36.21

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved	
05-64-4318	Telephones	36.21	0.00	
		Check No. 51426	Total:	36.21
		Total for COMCAST		36.21

CONTEMPORARY ENGRAVING CO.	Name Plate	18384	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
425 LAMBERT AVE	0191		03/08/2017	0.00
PALO ALTO	BOA	51427	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94306	34486			32.63

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved	
05-64-4308	Office Supplies	32.63	0.00	
		Check No. 51427	Total:	32.63
		Total for CONTEMPORARY ENGRAVING CO.		32.63

COTTON SHIRES & ASSOC. INC.	January Applicant Charges	18385	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
330 VILLAGE LANE	0047		03/08/2017	0.00
LOS GATOS	BOA	51428	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 95030-7218				21,213.75

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved	
96-54-4190	Geologist - Charges to Appls	21,213.75	0.00	
		Check No. 51428	Total:	21,213.75
		Total for COTTON SHIRES & ASSOC. INC.		21,213.75

CSG CONSULTANTS INC	Bldg Insp Svcs, Dec 31, 2016 - Jan 27, 2017	18386	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
550 PILGRIM DRIVE	622		03/08/2017	0.00
FOSTER CITY	BOA	51429	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94404	10907			475.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved	
05-50-4062	Temp Bldg Inspection	475.00	0.00	
		Check No. 51429	Total:	475.00
		Total for CSG CONSULTANTS INC		475.00

MARK CURTIS	Refund Deposit, 137 Solana	18422	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
137 SOLANA ROAD	0644		03/08/2017	0.00
PORTOLA VALLEY	BOA	51430	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94028	REC-000049-2016			247.80

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96-54-4207	Deposit Refunds, Other Charges	247.80	0.00	
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Check No.	51430	Total:	247.80
Total for	MARK CURTIS		247.80

LORRAINE R. DUVAL	Neighborhood Watch Coordinator	18387	03/08/2017	
	Svcs, 2/13/17 - 2/17/17		03/08/2017	
340 GOLDEN OAK DRIVE	0652		03/08/2017	0.00
PORTOLA VALLEY	BOA	51431	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94028				160.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-54-4214	Miscellaneous Consultants	160.00	0.00

Check No.	51431	Total:	160.00
Total for	LORRAINE R. DUVAL		160.00

ECONO TREE SERVICE	ROW Tree Trim/On-Call Maint	18417	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
1914 SPRING STREET	1252		03/08/2017	0.00
REDWOOD CITY	BOA	51432	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94063	339386			1,610.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
20-60-4264	ROW Tree Trimming & Mowing	1,610.00	0.00

ECONO TREE SERVICE	ROW Tree Trim/On-Call Maint	18418	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
1914 SPRING STREET	1252		03/08/2017	0.00
REDWOOD CITY	BOA	51432	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94063	339211			2,680.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
20-60-4264	ROW Tree Trimming & Mowing	2,680.00	0.00

ECONO TREE SERVICE	ROW Tree Trim/On-Call Maint	18419	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
1914 SPRING STREET	1252		03/08/2017	0.00
REDWOOD CITY	BOA	51432	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94063	338443			1,710.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
20-60-4264	ROW Tree Trimming & Mowing	1,710.00	0.00

Check No.	51432	Total:	6,000.00
Total for	ECONO TREE SERVICE		6,000.00

JEANNIE GOLDMAN	Instructor Fees, Winter 2017	18421	03/08/2017	
	VOID CHECK #51363, 2/08/17		03/08/2017	
741 MANZANITA ROAD	706		03/08/2017	0.00
WOODSIDE	BOA	51433	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94062				20,319.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-58-4246	Instructors & Class Refunds	20,319.00	0.00

Check No.	51433	Total:	20,319.00
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Total for JEANNIE GOLDMAN 20,319.00

ICMA	Def Comp, February 2017	18420	03/08/2017	
VANTAGE POINT TFER AGTS-304617			03/08/2017	
C/O M&T BANK	0084		03/08/2017	0.00
BALTIMORE	BOA	51434	03/08/2017	0.00
MD 21264-4553				5,175.96

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-00-2557	Defer Comp	5,175.96	0.00

Check No. 51434 Total: 5,175.96

Total for ICMA 5,175.96

J.W. ENTERPRISES	Portable Lavs, 2/16/17 - 3/15/17	18388	03/08/2017	
1689 MORSE AVE	829		03/08/2017	0.00
VENTURA	BOA	51435	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 93003	198610			242.40

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-58-4244	Portable Lavatories	242.40	0.00

Check No. 51435 Total: 242.40

Total for J.W. ENTERPRISES 242.40

JORGENSON SIEGEL MCCLURE & FLEGEL	January Statement	18389	03/08/2017	
1100 ALMA STREET	0089		03/08/2017	0.00
MENLO PARK	BOA	51436	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94025				8,907.50

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-54-4182	Town Attorney	7,532.50	0.00
96-54-4186	Attorney - Charges to Appls	1,375.00	0.00

Check No. 51436 Total: 8,907.50

Total for JORGENSON SIEGEL MCCLURE & FLEGEL 8,907.50

BRITNEY KING	Instructor Fees, Winter 2017	18425	03/08/2017	
4068A 26TH STREET	0380		03/08/2017	0.00
SAN FRANCISCO	BOA	51437	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94131				780.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-58-4246	Instructors & Class Refunds	780.00	0.00

Check No. 51437 Total: 780.00

Total for BRITNEY KING 780.00

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ROBERT KLEIN	Refund Deposit, 11 Buck Meadow	18390	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
11 BUCK MEADOW DRIVE	0665		03/08/2017	0.00
PORTOLA VALLEY	BOA	51438	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94028				667.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
96-54-4207	Deposit Refunds, Other Charges	667.00	0.00

Check No.	51438	Total:	667.00
Total for	ROBERT KLEIN		667.00

MCCLLENAHAN CONSULTING, LLC	CIP Portola Rd Widening, Inspection/Report	18391	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
1 ARASTRADERO RD	832		03/08/2017	0.00
PORTOLA VALLEY	BOA	51439	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94028	2349			450.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-68-4537	SMTA Road Project	450.00	0.00

Check No.	51439	Total:	450.00
Total for	MCCLLENAHAN CONSULTING, LLC		450.00

MINTON DOOR COMPANY	Door Repair, Town Hall/C. Hall	18408	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
1150 ELKO DRIVE	988		03/08/2017	0.00
SUNNYVALE	BOA	51440	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94089	0061641-IN			437.50

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-66-4341	Community Hall	175.00	0.00
05-66-4346	Mechanical Sys Maint & Repair	262.50	0.00

Check No.	51440	Total:	437.50
Total for	MINTON DOOR COMPANY		437.50

NCE	2016-17 Street Resurface Proj, Field Investigation/Inventory	18392	03/08/2017	
Nichols Consulting Engineers			03/08/2017	
1885 S. ARLINGTON AVE	0183		03/08/2017	0.00
RENO	BOA	51441	03/08/2017	0.00
NV 89509	424205502			12,068.75

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-68-4503	CIPStreetDesignFutureFY	12,068.75	0.00

NCE	2016-17 Street Resurface Proj, Field Investigation/Inventory	18393	03/08/2017	
Nichols Consulting Engineers			03/08/2017	
1885 S. ARLINGTON AVE	0183		03/08/2017	0.00
RENO	BOA	51441	03/08/2017	0.00
NV 89509	424205503			6,115.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-68-4503	CIPStreetDesignFutureFY	6,115.00	0.00

Check No.	51441	Total:	18,183.75
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<u>Total for</u>	NCE	18,183.75
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O. NELSON & SON, INC.	Sand for Sandbags/ROW Maint	18394	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
3345 TRIPP ROAD	634		03/08/2017	0.00
WOODSIDE	BOA	51442	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94062	190			770.15

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
20-60-4264	ROW Tree Trimming & Mowing	385.08	0.00
20-60-4271	Storm Damage / Emerg Repairs	385.07	0.00

O. NELSON & SON, INC.	Emergency Storm Clean-Up	18395	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
3345 TRIPP ROAD	634		03/08/2017	0.00
WOODSIDE	BOA	51442	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94062	189			4,290.74

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
20-60-4271	Storm Damage / Emerg Repairs	4,290.74	0.00

O. NELSON & SON, INC.	Emergency Road/Storm Cleanup	18396	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
3345 TRIPP ROAD	634		03/08/2017	0.00
WOODSIDE	BOA	51442	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94062	188			15,283.43

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
20-60-4271	Storm Damage / Emerg Repairs	15,283.43	0.00

Check No.	51442	Total:	20,344.32
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<u>Total for</u>	O. NELSON & SON, INC.	20,344.32
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OLBERDING ENVIRONMENTAL, INC	Mitigation Site Monitoring '16	18397	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
193 BLUE RAVINE ROAD	2025		03/08/2017	0.00
FOLSOM	BOA	51443	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94630	2016257			816.25

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-60-4272	C-1 Bio Maintenance	816.25	0.00

Check No.	51443	Total:	816.25
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<u>Total for</u>	OLBERDING ENVIRONMENTAL, IN	816.25
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PERS HEALTH	March Health	18415	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
VIA EFT	0108		03/08/2017	0.00
	BOA	51444	03/08/2017	0.00
				13,920.16

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-50-4086	Health Insurance Medical	13,920.16	0.00

Check No.	51444	Total:	13,920.16
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<u>Total for</u>	PERS HEALTH	13,920.16
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PLATINUM FACILITY SERVICES	February Janitorial Svcs.	18398	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
1530 OAKLAND RD., #150	402		03/08/2017	0.00
SAN JOSE	BOA	51445	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 95112	27185			2,987.51

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-66-4341	Community Hall	722.01	0.00
05-66-4344	Janitorial Services	1,487.65	0.00
25-66-4344	Janitorial Services	777.85	0.00

Check No.	51445	Total:	2,987.51
Total for	PLATINUM FACILITY SERVICES		2,987.51

RELIABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER CO	Annual Extinguisher Insp Svcs	18400	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
P.O. BOX 3461	2028		03/08/2017	0.00
REDWOOD CITY	BOA	51446	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94064	89946			632.58

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-66-4341	Community Hall	101.20	0.00
05-66-4346	Mechanical Sys Maint & Repair	455.48	0.00
25-66-4346	Mechanical Sys Maint & Repair	75.90	0.00

Check No.	51446	Total:	632.58
Total for	RELIABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER C		632.58

GEORGE ROBERTS	Deposit Refund, Roberts Market	18399	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
3015 WOODSIDE ROAD	0667		03/08/2017	0.00
WOODSIDE	BOA	51447	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94062				51.01

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
96-54-4207	Deposit Refunds, Other Charges	51.01	0.00

Check No.	51447	Total:	51.01
Total for	GEORGE ROBERTS		51.01

RON RAMIES AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	Battery Replacement, Tractor	18413	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
115 PORTOLA ROAD	422		03/08/2017	0.00
PORTOLA VALLEY	BOA	51448	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94028	53910			151.89

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-64-4334	Vehicle Maintenance	151.89	0.00

RON RAMIES AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	'91 Ford, Maint/Tires	18416	03/08/2017	
		00006440	03/08/2017	
115 PORTOLA ROAD	422		03/08/2017	0.00
PORTOLA VALLEY	BOA	51448	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94028	53771			1,184.42

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-64-4334	Vehicle Maintenance	1,184.42	1,184.42

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Check No.	51448	Total:	1,336.31
Total for	RON RAMIES AUTOMOTIVE, INC.		1,336.31

SAN MATEO CO INF SERVICES	January M/W	18401	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
455 COUNTY CENTER, 3RD FLOOR	0307		03/08/2017	0.00
REDWOOD CITY	BOA	51449	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94063	1YPV11701			76.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-52-4152	Emerq Preparedness Committee	76.00	0.00

Check No.	51449	Total:	76.00
Total for	SAN MATEO CO INF SERVICES		76.00

SAN MATEO SHERIFF	FY 16-17 Law Enforcement Qtr 3	18402	03/08/2017	
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES			03/08/2017	
400 COUNTY CENTER	0119		03/08/2017	0.00
REDWOOD CITY	BOA	51450	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94063-0978	10700			248,016.25

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-62-4282	San Mateo County Sheriff's Ofc	178,248.50	0.00
05-62-4284	COPS Addl Traffic Patrols	69,767.75	0.00

Check No.	51450	Total:	248,016.25
Total for	SAN MATEO SHERIFF		248,016.25

SCHWAAB INC	Rubber Stamp, Town Clerk	18412	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
PO BOX 3128	0120		03/08/2017	0.00
MILWAUKEE	BOA	51451	03/08/2017	0.00
WI 53201-3128	1885468			46.28

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-64-4308	Office Supplies	46.28	0.00

Check No.	51451	Total:	46.28
Total for	SCHWAAB INC		46.28

SHARP BUSINESS SYSTEMS	January Copies	18403	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
DEPT. LA 21510	0199		03/08/2017	0.00
PASADENA	BOA	51452	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 91185-1510	C933622-541			339.95

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-64-4308	Office Supplies	339.95	0.00

Check No.	51452	Total:	339.95
Total for	SHARP BUSINESS SYSTEMS		339.95

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Vendor Name Line 2	Invoice Description2	PO No.	Pay Date	
Vendor Address	Vendor Number		Due Date	Taxes Withheld
City	Bank	Check No.	Check Date	Discount Amount
State/Province Zip/Postal	Invoice Number			Check Amount

STANDARD INSURANCE CO.	February LTD/Life Premium	18423	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
PO BOX 5676	0469		03/08/2017	0.00
PORTLAND	BOA	51453	03/08/2017	0.00
OR 97228				377.63

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-50-4091	Long Term Disability Insurance	377.63	0.00

Check No.	51453	Total:	377.63
Total for	STANDARD INSURANCE CO.		377.63

STATE COMP INSURANCE FUND	March Premium	18404	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
PO BOX 748170	0122		03/08/2017	0.00
LOS ANGELES	BOA	51454	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 90074-8170				2,501.50

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-50-4094	Worker's Compensation	2,501.50	0.00

Check No.	51454	Total:	2,501.50
Total for	STATE COMP INSURANCE FUND		2,501.50

THERMAL MECHANICAL, INC	Boiler Repair, Community Hall	18405	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
425 ALDO AVENUE	955		03/08/2017	0.00
SANTA CLARA	BOA	51455	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 95054	AC-68651			369.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-66-4341	Community Hall	369.00	0.00

Check No.	51455	Total:	369.00
Total for	THERMAL MECHANICAL, INC		369.00

TOWNSEND MGMT, INC	Applicant Charges, Dec 2016	18406	03/08/2017	
	Cal-Water Pump Station		03/08/2017	
P.O. BOX 24442	609		03/08/2017	0.00
SAN FRANCISCO	BOA	51456	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94124	200064-12-16			1,897.50

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
96-54-4194	Engineer - Charges to Appls	1,897.50	0.00

TOWNSEND MGMT, INC	Applicant Charges, Dec 2016	18407	03/08/2017	
			03/08/2017	
P.O. BOX 24442	609		03/08/2017	0.00
SAN FRANCISCO	BOA	51456	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94124	200064-12-16, A-J2			5,865.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
96-54-4194	Engineer - Charges to Appls	5,865.00	0.00

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Vendor Name	Invoice Description1	Ref No.	Discount Date	
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Vendor Address	Vendor Number		Due Date	Taxes Withheld
City	Bank	Check No.	Check Date	Discount Amount
State/Province Zip/Postal	Invoice Number			Check Amount

TOWNSEND MGMT, INC	Cal-Water Pump Station, Jan 2017	18409	03/08/2017	
P.O. BOX 24442	609		03/08/2017	0.00
SAN FRANCISCO	BOA	51456	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94124	200064-01-17-1			1,322.50

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
96-54-4194	Engineer - Charges to Appls	1,322.50	0.00

TOWNSEND MGMT, INC	Applicant Charge, Priory Sewer January 2017	18410	03/08/2017	
P.O. BOX 24442	609		03/08/2017	0.00
SAN FRANCISCO	BOA	51456	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94124	200064-01-17-2			747.50

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
96-54-4194	Engineer - Charges to Appls	747.50	0.00

TOWNSEND MGMT, INC	Applicant Charge, PGE-Portola/ Westridge - Jan 2017	18411	03/08/2017	
P.O. BOX 24442	609		03/08/2017	0.00
SAN FRANCISCO	BOA	51456	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94124	200064-01-17-3			172.50

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
96-54-4194	Engineer - Charges to Appls	172.50	0.00

TOWNSEND MGMT, INC	Applicant Charges, Jan 2017	18414	03/08/2017	
P.O. BOX 24442	609		03/08/2017	0.00
SAN FRANCISCO	BOA	51456	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94124	200064-01-17 A-D			1,092.50

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
96-54-4194	Engineer - Charges to Appls	1,092.50	0.00

Check No.	51456	Total:	11,097.50
Total for	TOWNSEND MGMT, INC		11,097.50

KATHY WADDELL	Instructor Fees, winter 2017	18424	03/08/2017	
460 CERVANTES ROAD	1354		03/08/2017	0.00
PORTOLA VALLEY	BOA	51457	03/08/2017	0.00
CA 94028				7,624.00

GL Number	Description	Invoice Amount	Amount Relieved
05-58-4246	Instructors & Class Refunds	7,624.00	0.00

Check No.	51457	Total:	7,624.00
Total for	KATHY WADDELL		7,624.00

Total Invoices:	47	Grand Total:	414,497.53
		Less Credit Memos:	0.00
		Net Total:	414,497.53
		Less Hand Check Total:	0.00
		Outstanding Invoice Total:	414,497.53

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Warrant Disbursement Journal
March 8, 2017

Claims totaling \$414,497.53 having been duly examined by me and found to be correct are hereby approved and verified by me as due bills against the Town of Portola Valley.

Date _____

Jeremy Dennis, Treasurer

Motion having been duly made and seconded, the above claims are hereby approved and allowed for payment.

Signed and sealed this (Date) _____

Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk

Mayor

Form Name: Committee Application
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Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):

Sustainability & Environmental Resources

Applicant Information

Full Name Virginia Bacon
Email Address
Street Address
City/Zip Portola Valley, CA 94028
Number of years in Portola Valley 48
Cell Phone Not answered
Home Phone
Other Phone

Preferred Phone Contact Number

Home

I prefer to receive Town communications via

E-mail (recommended)

Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.

As a long time PV resident, I've participated in many Town activities. I was a biology major in college and my background in this area could help to support the committees goals. We need to find ways to keep our values and culture while moving ahead and trying new things.

I was previously on the Sustainability Committee and now service on the Historic Resources Committee.

Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.

Not answered

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Portola Valley, CA

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Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):

Sustainability & Environmental Resources

Applicant Information

Full Name Jayne Loader
Email Address
Street Address
City/Zip Portola Valley, CA 94028
Number of years in Portola Valley 1 1/2
Cell Phone
Home Phone
Other Phone Not answered

Preferred Phone Contact Number

Cell

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E-mail (recommended)

Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.

At Harvard, where I worked for 7 years, I was a founding member of the Steering Group of the Resource Efficiency Program (REP), a peer education group based in Harvard's undergraduate houses and dorms. Working with REP was my most valuable--and enjoyable!--experience at Harvard. Its members included the most interesting, thoughtful and committed students and faculty on campus--many of whom became my dearest friends. I would love to continue to work for sustainability and environmental responsibility in a comparable group here in Portola Valley.

Via REP, we tried to implement simple changes that made big differences, in terms of sustainability and the intelligent use of energy. My focus was on facility maintenance and design. For example, at Quincy House (where I was Co-Master), after the Dining Hall was renovated, I noticed an oversized Louis Poulsen

Artichoke Lamp, the focal point of the entryway, was on all the time—even at night, when the Dining Hall was closed. I asked our Superintendent to install a timer for the light. He told me this couldn't be done, because the architects had not specified an on/off switch! The default setting was on—all the time, even during the summer, when the House was off-line. A big bright light bulb went on in my brain: how many other Harvard buildings were similarly lit? I brought this question to the REP Steering Group and soon eager students volunteered for a campus-wide light audit. They set off at 3 a.m.—armed with clipboards, flashlights and pencils—and pinpointed dozens of closed Harvard buildings with atriums, lobbies, corridors and other spaces fully lit. By persuading the relevant facility managers to install on/off switches and timers for these lights—plus, motion-detectors in their public restrooms—we were able to save more energy as a group than all of us together could ever save in our own lifetimes. An unanticipated benefit: turning off the lights at night decreased bird strikes on the windows of the buildings!

If I have a Harvard legacy, it's the Valentine's Day Cosmetics Drive, which I launched by delivering two bags of surplus goodies from my powder room to the Pine Street Inn, a homeless shelter in Boston. In subsequent years, REP, Recycling and Waste Management and the Office for Sustainability got on board and the V-Day Drive went campus-wide. Every subsequent year, the Drive has grown and reached more parts of Harvard. In 2016, over a ton of cosmetics was collected, wrapped by volunteers and gifted to the residents of the YWCA Family Shelter at a festive party featuring nail technicians, cosmetics artists and hair stylists, doing product demos and make-overs. Not only does the Drive benefit the shelter's clients, it's a way for Harvard students to keep discarded cosmetics out of landfills—and to be generous to the local community.

BTW not all our sustainable design ideas were implemented. There were quite a few things we tried, but failed, to get accomplished, too. We could never persuade the Harvard grounds crew to install a smart in-ground sprinkler system—the kind that shuts itself off when it rains. We were unable to get the under-floor, forced hot water heating system in Quincy House under human control. After 7 years, and multiple technicians, it still magically shot up to 85 degrees, so that the only way to make the temperature bearable in the Masters' Residence was to turn on the air conditioners (she hangs her head in shame). Heat in the students' rooms was similarly out of control—either off or on. With no air conditioners of their own, in the dead of winter, the students had to open their windows to survive the heat.

Before Harvard, I was a novelist and filmmaker. My best-known project was "The Atomic Cafe" (1982) which was recently added to the National Film Registry at the Library of Congress.

BTW I do travel a lot. Checking my 2017 calendar, I already know I will be out of town on the first Mondays of June and August. If this is going to be a problem, I probably should not join the Committee.

Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.

No.

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Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):

(o) Sustainability & Environmental Resources

Applicant Information

Full Name Meredith McClintock
Email Address
Street Address
City/Zip Portola Valley
Number of years in Portola Valley 23 (18 in Corte Madera & Westridge neighborhoods)
Cell Phone
Home Phone
Other Phone Not answered

Preferred Phone Contact Number

(o) Cell

I prefer to receive Town communications via

(o) E-mail (recommended)

Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.

Improving the sustainability of our use of the planet's resources and conserving our environmental resources are our obligations to future generations as well as important for our ecosystem's survival in the long term. Global change starts with local action, and I believe we can make a difference and serve as an example to other communities with the things our community chooses to do.

I have worked in the sustainability and renewable energy fields, both for-profit and non-profit, for the past 14 years. I researched, founded and sold my own solar company between 2004 and 2010, and I've consulted for solar and other green businesses since then. I've been a docent at the Jasper Ridge preserve for 7 years, and I do volunteer ecological research in the field at Jasper Ridge and in Professor Rodolfo Dirzo's lab at Stanford. I've written or co-authored papers on renewable energy, the interaction of mountain lions and humans, and the impact of wildlife loss as a result of trafficking. One co-authored

paper was written for the California Governor's office and was instrumental to creating an effective solar rebate program. In my next career move I plan to work at an environmental nonprofit, and then return to graduate school for a degree in ecology.

My undergraduate education at Dartmouth College and graduate education at Stanford Graduate School of Business both included a focus on public service initiatives to accomplish change. In other volunteer efforts, I have volunteered in the founding of two new schools on the Peninsula, the Girls Middle School and Summit Charter Schools, and I serve on the board of the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues, which provides educational extracurricular debating programs to underserved students. Volunteer service is important to me and the environment and sustainability are my most important causes. I would be honored to serve on the Sustainability and Environmental Resources Committee.

Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.

None.

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Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):

Sustainability & Environmental Resources

Applicant Information

Full Name George Salah
Email Address
Street Address
City/Zip Portola Valley
Number of years in Portola Valley 6
Cell Phone
Home Phone
Other Phone Not answered

Preferred Phone Contact Number

Cell

I prefer to receive Town communications via

E-mail (recommended)

Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.

In November 2016 I was appointed to serve on the Conservation Committee but with the creation of this new Sustainability focused committee my background would be better utilized here.

Since 2013 I've been the Chairman & CEO of Apparent, Inc., a technology energy company, providing products and services to maximize the performance of renewable energy assets and the creation of the smart grid. I had previously served for 14 years as the Director of Real Estate and Workplace Services at Google Inc. responsible for real estate and facilities worldwide. Joining the company in 1999, I helped create the company's famous culture and it's focus on creating healthy buildings and community. Prior to Google I was an Executive of Oracle's Real Estate group and have 32 years of corporate real estate and construction management experience. Throughout my career I've focused on energy efficient design and

developing spaces optimized to support the health and well-being of people and the environment. I have served on the Board of the International Living Future Institute (ILFI), and continue to serve on the board of the Healthy Building Network (HBN).

Apart from my professional career accomplishments, my home was designed and built to the highest level of sustainability practices as prescribed by the Living Building Challenge protocol. I'm especially proud of our use of locally sourced & toxin free building materials, water catchment systems, native plants and energy conservation features.

Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.

- 1.) I'm on the board of a non-profit organization (Healthy Building Network).
- 2.) I'm the CEO of an energy services company (Apparent Inc.).

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Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):

Sustainability & Environmental Resources

Applicant Information

Full Name Anne-Laure Strong
Email Address
Street Address
City/Zip PORTOLA VALLEY
Number of years in 1
Portola Valley
Cell Phone
Home Phone
Other Phone Not answered

Preferred Phone Contact Number

Cell

I prefer to receive Town communications via

E-mail (recommended)

Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.

I have more than 10 years experience in sustainability and energy. I Have a master in Environmental Sciences and Engineering, as well as a DEng (Masters+ applied thesis) from Stanford University in Sustainable Design and Construction. I am currently working on completing my PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering, working on decentralization and renewables in the electricity grid.

I have worked on several project that pertained to city sustainability. For example spent a year working at

the city of Palo Alto in their utilities department working on different sustainability initiatives (storage, Low Carbon Fuel Standard, Solar Energy). I was involved in a year-long project in Switzerland advising the city of Pully on the future of their wastewater treatment plan.

I also have taught several classes on Energy and sustainability, as an instructor at Stanford summer Institutes and San Jose State University. Being able to communicate effectively scientific findings and intentions in order to make the best policy decision is primordial to me.

Please check out my LinkedIn profile for more detailed background and some of my written work!

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/alpstrong/>

Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.

I have absolutely zero possible conflict of interest at this point!

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Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):

Sustainability & Environmental Resources

Applicant Information

Full Name Stefan Unnasch
Email Address
Street Address
City/Zip Portola Valley, CA 94028
Number of years in Portola Valley 15
Cell Phone
Home Phone
Other Phone Not answered

Preferred Phone Contact Number

Other

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E-mail (recommended)

Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.

I have participated in the sustainability committee since 2007 with lead efforts in helping to coordinate the towns data collection for developing a GHG inventory and then leading an effort to assess Greenhouse Gas Reduction measures from emission sources in the town including low energy light bulbs, remodeling, energy upgrades, transportation and others.

Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.

I own Life Cycle Associates. Occasionally we have opportunities to partner with the town on grant applications. We currently support CCAG in the implementation of their alternative fuels readiness plan. These are not conflicts but related activities.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the Town Council

FROM: Debbie Pedro, Planning Director

DATE: March 8, 2017

RE: Town Center Master Plan Committee Update

BACKGROUND

On September 9, 2015, the Council formed the ad hoc Town Center Master Plan Committee to examine and evaluate the overall facility needs at Town Center and to move forward with an update to the Town Center Master Plan.

DISCUSSION

In accordance to the Duties and Functions of the Committee Charter, the 10-member committee has met approximately once a month since its formation and completed the following key tasks to date:

1. Analyze current usage of Town Center facilities by reviewing activities, programming and facilities usage since Town Center opening. (Attachment 2)
2. Work with the Town staff, key Town committee members, Town Center users, other interested parties and the Town's residents, to identify unmet needs and assess the feasibility and desirability of the recommended changes over a 25 year time horizon. (Attachment 3)
3. Get input from a variety of stakeholders. (Attachment 4)
4. Convene Town committee and commission representatives to prioritize needs and desires.

In addition to the items above, the Committee has developed a Mission Statement and the Town Center Master Plan Guiding Principles and Goals for Council review and approval. (Attachments 5 and 6)

Committee chair Ted Driscoll will be presenting the report to Council, requesting feedback, and discussing the Committee's work plan going forward.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Committee Charter
2. Background Information-Existing Uses and Activities including Spring Down Open Space
3. Input from Town Committees and Commissions
4. TCMP Online Engagement Tool Results
5. Draft Mission Statement
6. Draft Guiding Principles and Goals

Report approved by: Jeremy Dennis, Town Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Dennis", is positioned to the right of the approval text.

Town Center Master Plan Update Committee Charter

OBJECTIVES

To understand the current status and utilization of the Portola Valley Town Center. Identify potential opportunities to improve community engagement and anticipate the developing needs, both by users and to benefit our environment, in the next 25 years. Create a plan to adapt and improve the Town Center so that it can meet these developing needs and reflect the values of the Town.

DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

1. Analyze current usage of Town Center facilities by reviewing activities, programming and facilities usage since Town Center opening.
2. Work with the Town staff, key Town committee members, Town Center users, other interested parties and the Town's residents, to identify unmet needs and assess the feasibility and desirability of the recommended changes over a 25 year time horizon.
3. Get input from a variety of stakeholders.
4. Convene Town committee and commission representatives to prioritize needs and desires.
5. Work with consultants to develop information on cost and feasibility.
6. Get input from Town Council for key decision points.
7. Create alternatives for public reaction.
8. Develop a phased plan for proposed projects, including estimates on costs and ideas for funding sources.
9. Present findings to Town Council.

RESPONSIBLE TO

Town Council

MEMBERSHIP

Chaired by former mayor Ted Driscoll, the ten-member committee shall include two council members, and one member each from the Planning Commission, ASCC, Parks & Recreation, Conservation, Trails and Emergency Preparedness Committees.

- Chair: Ted Driscoll
- Town Council: Craig Hughes and Ann Wengert
- Planning Commission: Alex Von Feldt (*Alt. Judith Hasko*)
- ASCC: Megan Koch (*Alt. Danna Breen*)

- Conservation: George Salah (*Alt. Judy Murphy*)
- Emergency Preparedness: Craig Taylor (*Alt. Dale Pfau*)
- Parks and Recreation: Lindsay Bowen (*Alt. Sally Ann Reiss*)
- Trails: Susan Gold (*Alt. Joyce Shefren*)
- Friends of PV Library: Sue Crane

STAFF SUPPORT

Planning Director and Public Works Director

MEETINGS

The Committee will meet as deemed necessary. Meetings are open to the public. Joint meetings will be held with key Town committees and stakeholder groups in the early stages as the committee defines the scope and priorities. Study sessions will be held over the next 6-9 months for public outreach and to solicit comments from the general public.

Town Center Master Plan Update

Background Information

Existing Uses and Activities



Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road



School House

Playground

Baseball Field

Tennis, Basketball Skate Ramp

Maintenance Yard

Library

Community Hall

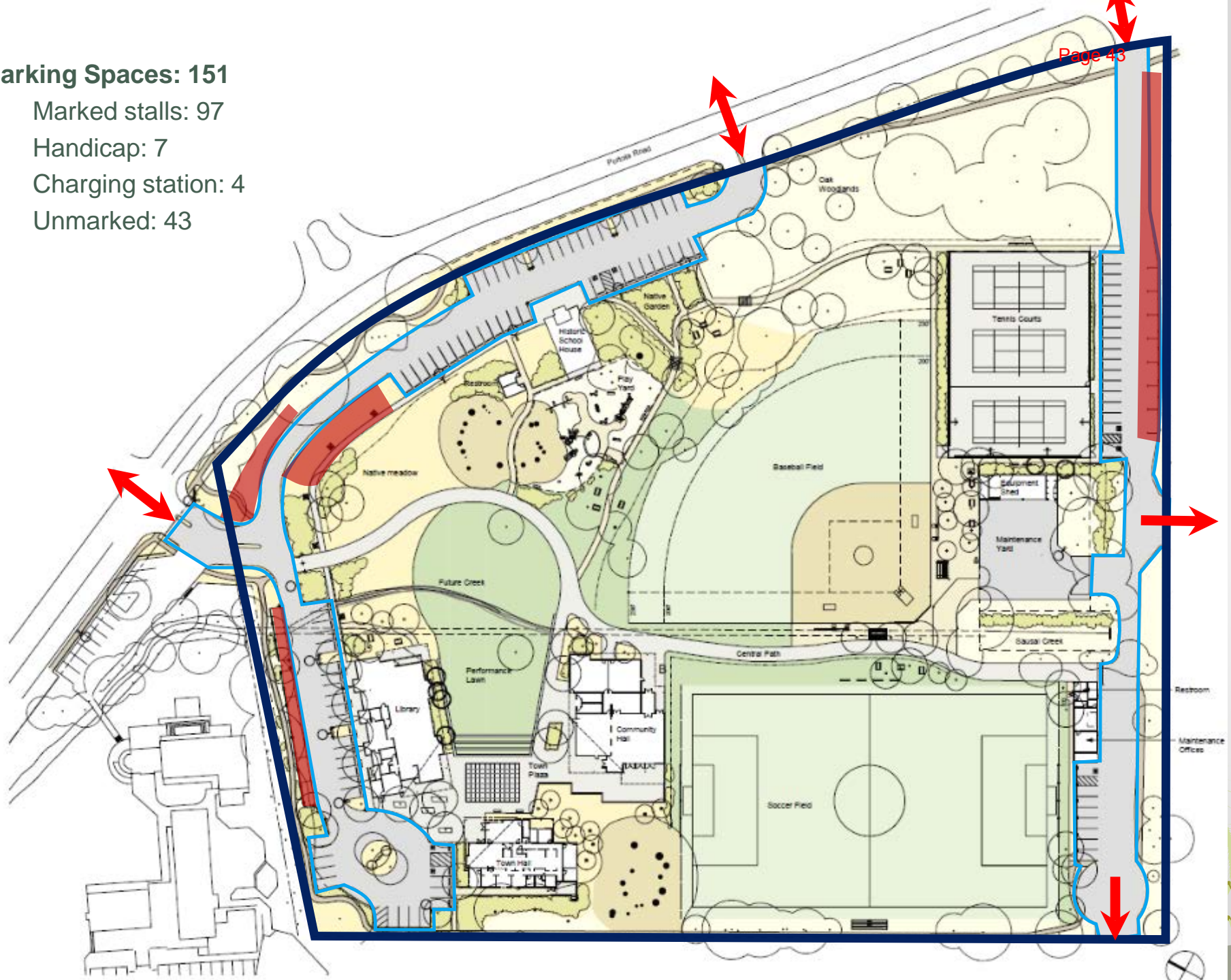
Soccer Field

Town Hall

Spring Down Open Space Preserve ~6.05 acres

Parking Spaces: 151

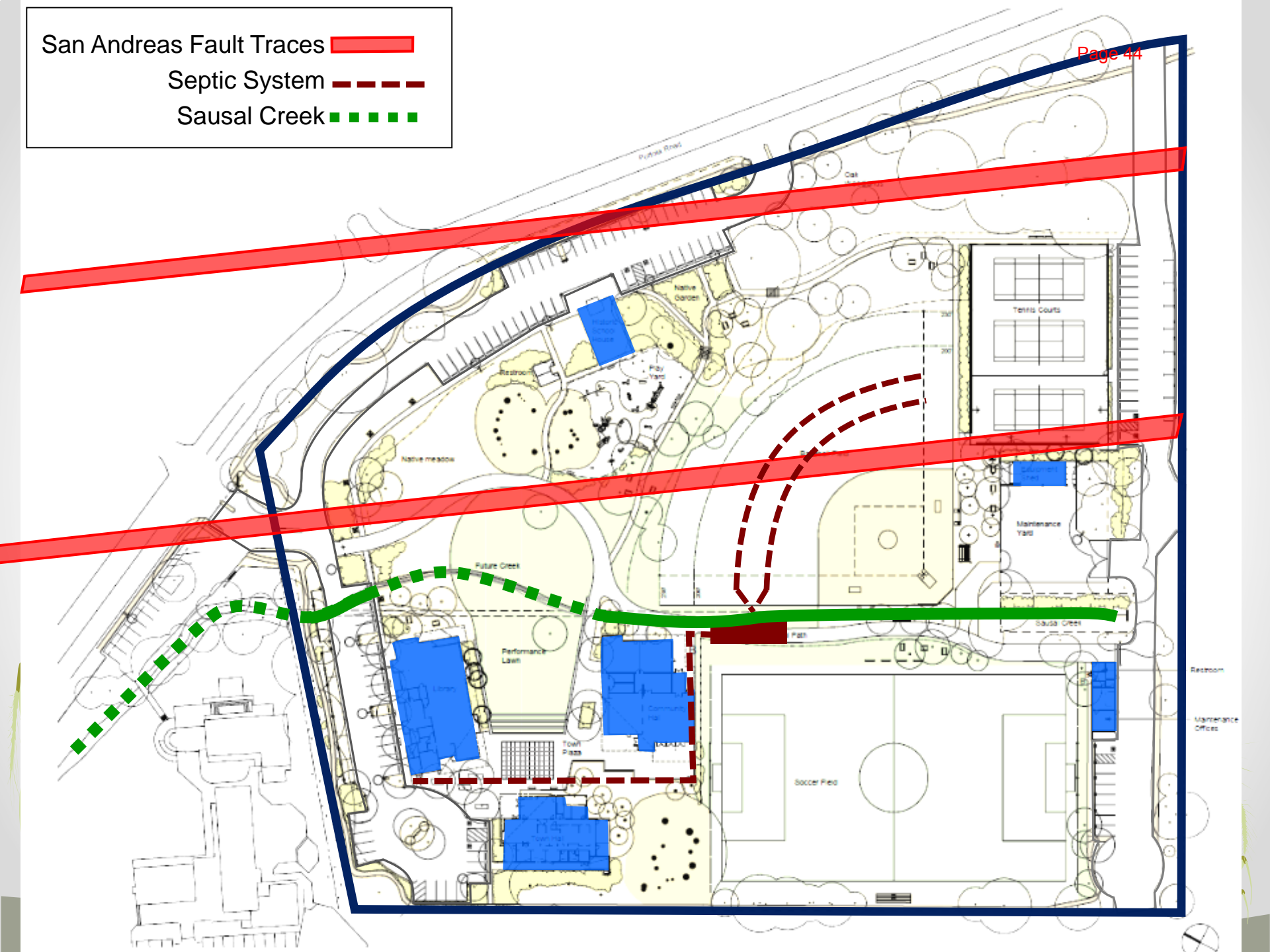
- Marked stalls: 97
- Handicap: 7
- Charging station: 4
- Unmarked: 43



San Andreas Fault Traces 

Septic System 

Sausal Creek 



Population Growth

	Number			Percent Change		
	Portola Valley	County	State	Portola Valley	County	State
1990	4,194	649,623	29,760,021	x	x	x
2000	4,462	707,163	33,871,648	6%	9%	14%
2010	4,500	733,300	37,253,956	1%	4%	10%
2020 (Projected)	4,500	801,300	x	0%	9%	x
2030 (Projected)	4,500	862,800	x	0%	8%	x

Source: Association of Bay Area Governments, Projections 2009; US Census SF1 1990-2010

Population Change 2000-2020

	2000	2010	Projected 2020	Percent Change 2000-2010	Projected Percent Change 2010-2020
Atherton	7,194	7,400	7,600	3%	3%
Belmont	25,123	25,700	26,900	2%	4%
Brisbane	3,597	3,900	5,300	8%	26%
Burlingame	28,158	28,400	31,700	1%	10%
<u>Colma</u>	1,187	1,600	1,800	35%	11%
Daly City	103,625	105,600	118,000	2%	11%
East Palo Alto	29,506	32,700	37,100	11%	12%
Foster City	28,803	30,100	31,700	5%	5%
Half Moon Bay	11,842	13,000	13,400	10%	3%
Hillsborough	10,825	11,100	12,000	3%	8%
Menlo Park	30,785	31,700	34,600	3%	8%
Millbrae	20,718	21,600	23,600	4%	8%
Pacifica	38,390	39,000	39,300	2%	1%
Portola Valley	4,462	4,500	4,500	1%	0%
Redwood City	75,402	76,100	84,400	1%	10%
San Bruno	40,165	43,000	48,600	7%	12%
San Carlos	27,718	28,400	30,900	2%	8%
San Mateo City	92,482	95,200	105,700	3%	10%
South San Francisco	60,552	63,200	69,700	4%	9%
Woodside	5,352	5,700	5,600	7%	-2%
San Mateo County	707,163	733,300	801,300	4%	8%

Source: Association of Bay Area Governments, Projections 2009

Decennial Census data

[1970-1990](#) | [2000-2010](#)

More Census Bureau data [here](#)

	Census 2000		Census 2010	
TOTAL POPULATION	4,462	100.0%	4,353	100.0%
In households	4,392	98.4%	4,309	99.0%
In group quarters	70	1.6%	44	1.0%
RACE				
White	4,146	92.9%	3,960	91.0%
Black or African American	18	0.4%	12	0.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	11	0.2%	5	0.1%
Asian	178	4.0%	242	5.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2	0.0%	1	0.0%
Some other race	43	1.0%	29	0.7%
Two or more races	64	1.4%	104	2.4%
AGE				
Under 5 years	223	5.0%	175	4.0%
5 to 17 years	798	17.9%	826	19.0%
18 to 64 years	2,503	56.1%	2,179	50.1%
65 years and over	938	21.0%	1,173	26.9%
Median age	47.5	X	51.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS				
Total households	1,700	100.0%	1,746	100.0%
Family households	1,269	74.6%	1,254	71.8%
Families with children under 18	506	29.8%	495	28.4%
Average household size	2.58	X	2.47	X
Average family size	2.93	X	2.93	X

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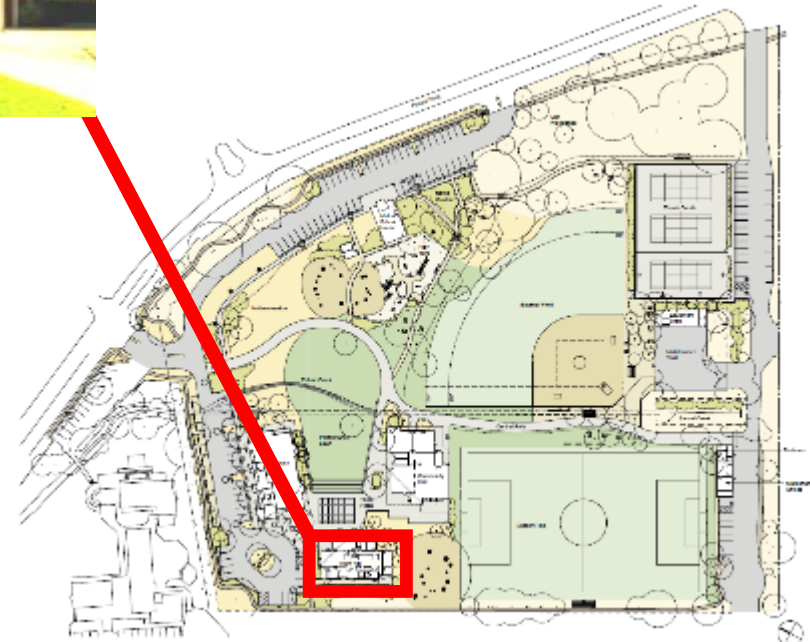
Town Hall



- **Planning & Building**
- **Public Works**
- **Administration**
- **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**

14 employees

Permit Counter Visitors: 8-10/day



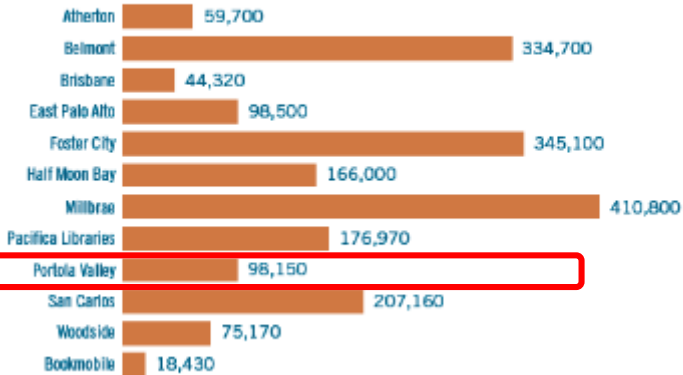
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Library

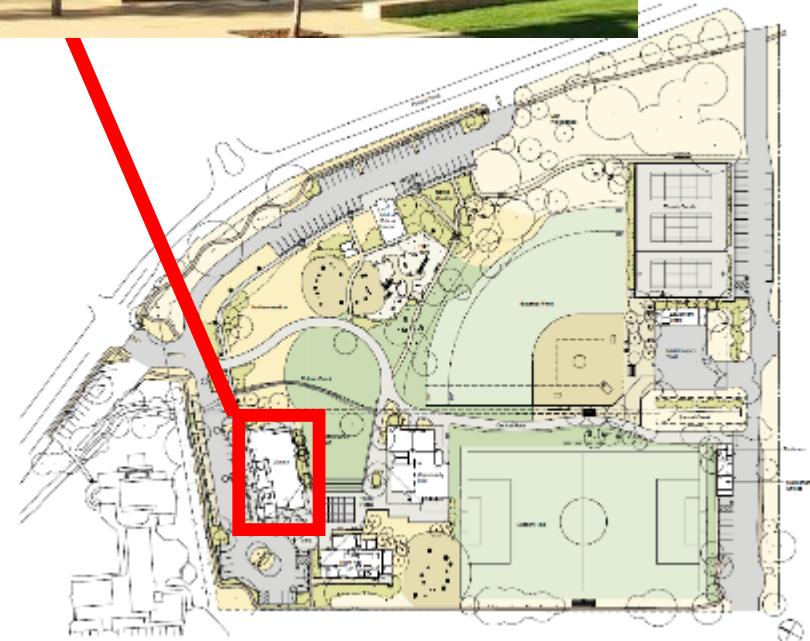
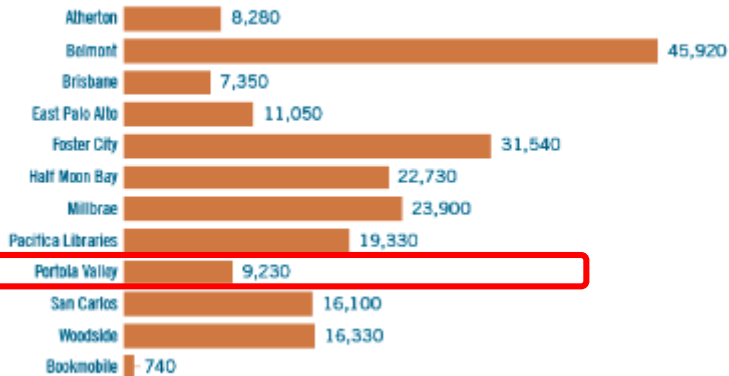
Library Hours

Monday – Thursday	11am-7pm
Friday – Saturday	11am- 5pm
Sunday	Closed

LIBRARY VISITS



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



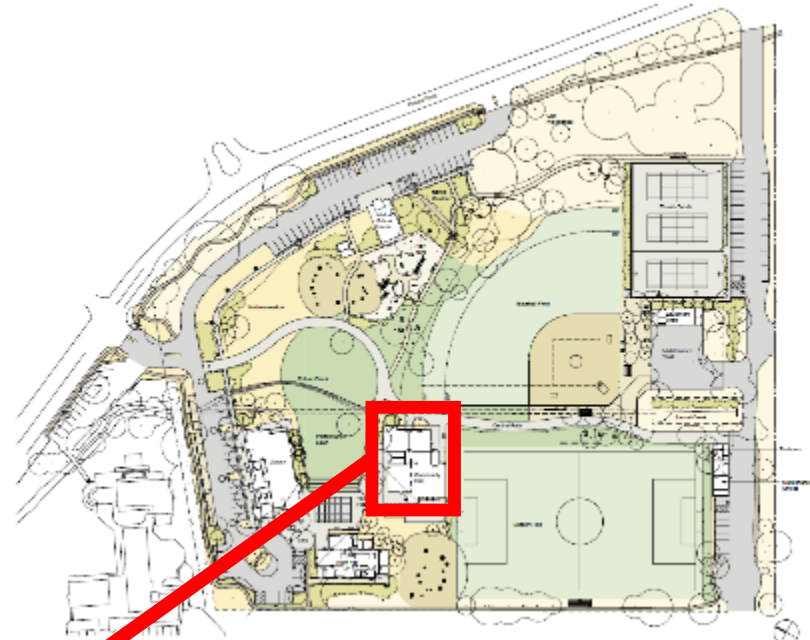
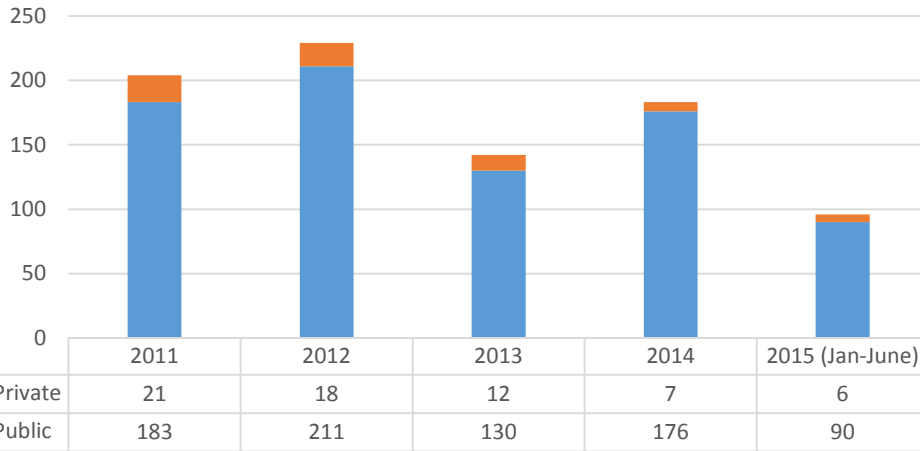
City/Town	Total Population
Portola Valley	4,283
Woodside	5,237
Atherton	6,837
Belmont	25,281



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Community Hall

Community Hall Events 2011-2015



Facility Rental Rates & Deposits

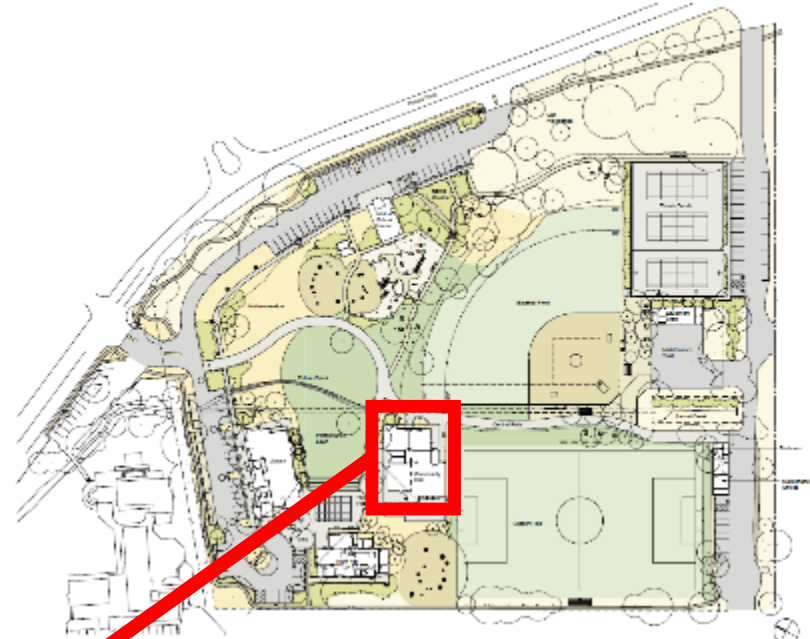
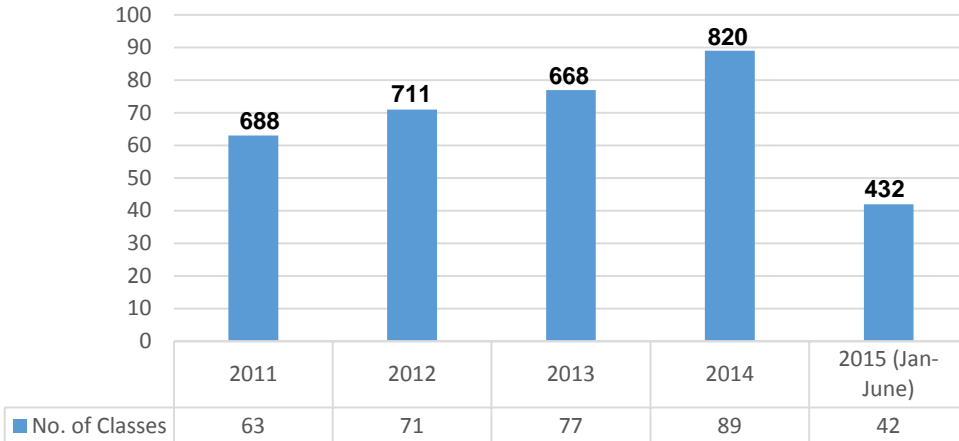
The facility rental rates and deposits for the Community Hall and Activity Rooms are as follows:

Room Name	Fee	Minimum Rental	Deposit
Community Hall	\$2,500 per day *	8am – 10 pm	\$1,000
Alder or Buckeye Room	\$100 per hr.	2 Hrs. meetings 4 Hrs. parties	\$ 250
Kitchen (must rent with room – no fee with Community Hall)	\$100 use fee per event	none	\$ 100
Redwood Grove (weddings only, included in Community Hall fee)	\$150 per event	none	\$ 100

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Community Hall

Parks & Rec Classes-2011-2015

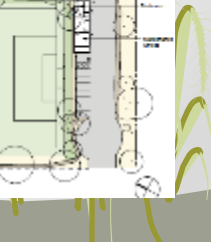
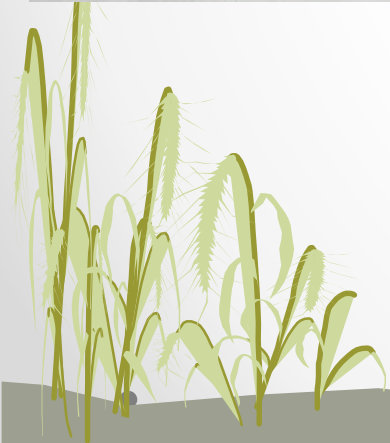
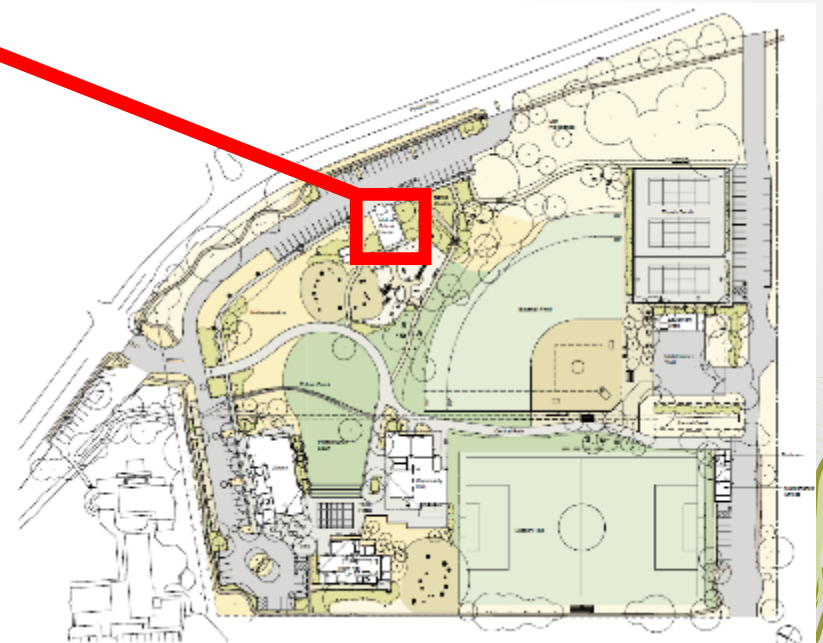


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School House



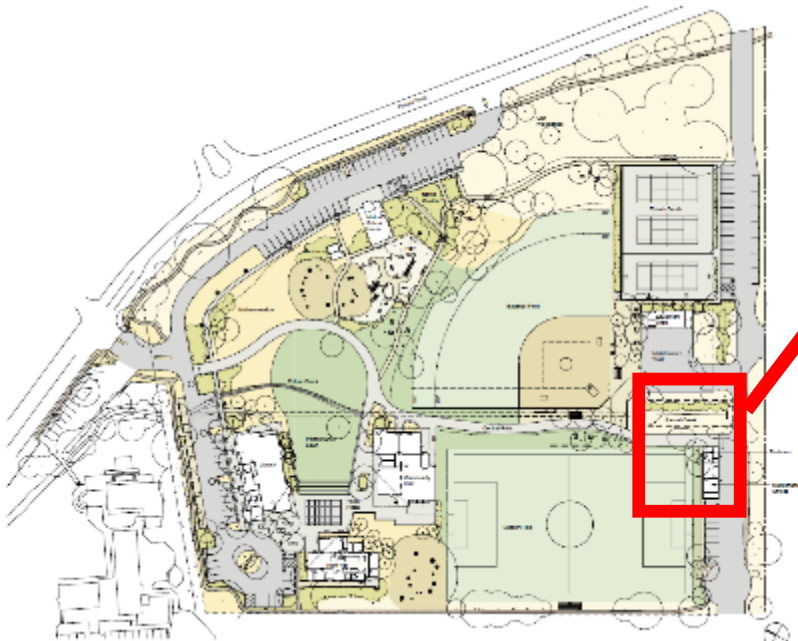
Meetings for Town Council, Planning Commission, ASCC, and Committees



Town Center Uses and Activities

Maintenance Yard and Sheriff Substation

- Corp yard, equipment storage
- Sheriff's substation
- Access to private properties



Soccer and Baseball Fields



SOCCER

AYSO/Alpine Strikers/PV Adult Soccer

23,134 player visits

11,445 spectator visits

BASEBALL

Little League/PV Softball


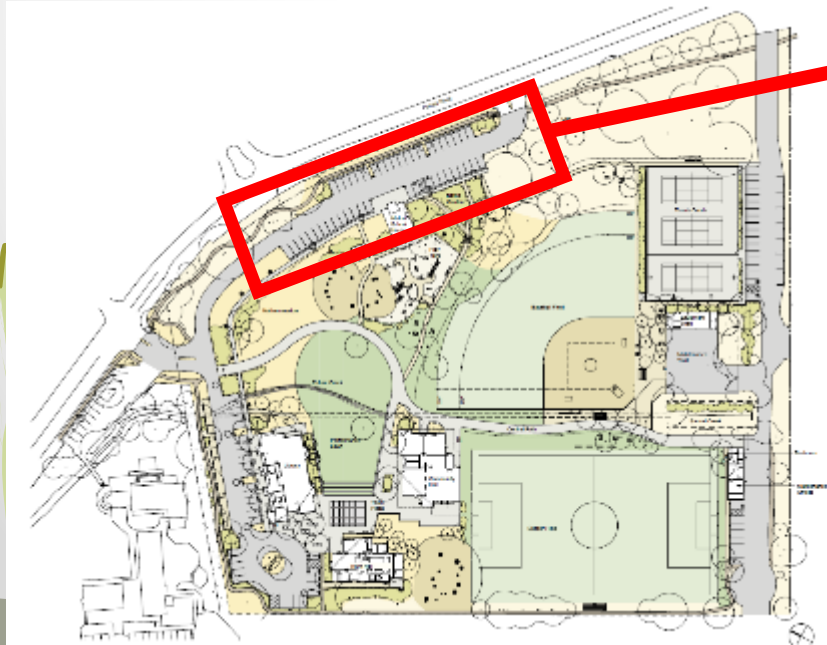
5,712 player visits

6,152 spectator visits

TOTAL VISITS: 46,000



Farmer's Market



PORTOLA VALLEY
Farmers' Market

Thursdays, year round
Winter: 2-5pm • Summer: 3-7pm
Town Center
(In front of the Historic Schoolhouse)

Follow us on Facebook
www.portolavalleyfarmersmarket.com

A graphic for the Portola Valley Farmers' Market. It features a silhouette of a tractor in a stylized landscape with green hills and a blue sky. Below the image, the market's name is written in a mix of bold, serif, and cursive fonts. The operating schedule and location are listed in a clean, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a call to action to follow the market on Facebook and a website URL.

Town Center Uses and Activities

Other Users

Kids Playground

Dog walkers

Photo shoots

Equestrians



Aye: Councilmembers Richards, Toben and Wengert, Vice Mayor Derwin

No: None

REGULAR AGENDA

- (1) Approval of Minutes of Town Council Meeting of March 23, 2011

Councilmember Richards moved to approve minutes of Town Council meeting of March 23, 2011 as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Wengert, the motion passed 4-0.

- (6) Discussion and Council Action – Report from the Ad-Hoc Spring Down Master Plan Committee – Recommended uses of Town-owned property [7:45 p.m.]

Vice Mayor Derwin introduced the item, noting that Councilmember Wengert chaired the Ad Hoc Spring Down Master Plan Committee, which issued recommendations discussed in an April 13, 2011 memorandum to the Mayor and Town Council from Mr. Young and Planning Manager Leslie Lambert (as staff liaison to the Committee), and Councilmembers Wengert and Richards (as Committee chair and Town Council liaison, respectively).

Mr. Young said that the Committee held four extensive meetings (with minutes included in the report) as well as touring the parcel. The group discussed the pros and cons of using the Spring Down parcel as a recreational facility versus leaving it as open space. They talked about whether to remove the pond or retain it as a feature. Members reached consensus about retaining the parcel as open space, as a nature preserve, with a trail, and to rehabilitate the pond.

Councilmember Toben recommended caution in using the term "consensus" in that he is aware of some residents' opposition to the very limited uses suggested for the Spring Down parcel. He also noted that Bob Pierce, a Committee member who shared that view, stopped attending meetings.

Councilmember Wengert, pointing out that Committee members Gary Nielsen, Jane Bourne and Jon Silver were in the audience, said that the Committee's first meeting was very much focused on the existing definitions that govern the parcel, in terms of its current designations as part of the Portola Road Scenic Corridor and the Stable Preserve. She confirmed that after the second meeting, when the discussion turned to potential uses for the parcel, several dissenting voices favored additional, more intensive recreational use. However, she added, following much discussion about the General Plan's objectives and the Goodsteins' desires for the property, the group consensus was to keep the parcel and maintain it in an open-space, natural state. It's difficult, she said, when some Committee members disagree with the majority. Although Councilmember Wengert stated that their views were definitely considered, she said that both Mr. Pierce and Kathy Feldman subsequently resigned from the Committee, apparently in the belief that they were not being heard.

Councilmember Richards said that there definitely was dissent, but Stan and Carol Goodstein's stance and the fact that the General Plan is fairly clear in its designation were driving forces behind the Committee's recommendations.

Councilmember Toben reiterated his concern that using "consensus" without qualification might create backlash from those who disagreed, pointing out that there's already been talk of a referendum to reverse whatever action the Town Council takes. He said that he wouldn't object to "large majority," but does not want to imply that the Council is ignoring contrary opinions. Councilmember Wengert said that while "consensus" was never intended to suggest unanimity, she is comfortable with the term "large majority."

Mr. Silver, Portola Road, said that he sees Mr. Pierce regularly, has never picked up any sense of bitterness on Mr. Pierce's part, and was unaware of anyone resigning from the Committee "in protest." He

said that tonight is the first time he'd heard that anyone formally resigned before the Committee finished its work. He agreed that early on in the process, Committee members had expressed various views in terms of the intensity of uses that would make sense for the Spring Down parcel. He said that it would be accurate to say that the Committee moved toward consensus after staff input regarding General Plan definitions and further Committee discussion, but that "large majority" understates the level of agreement that Committee members ultimately reached. He also credited Councilmember Wengert with doing "a fantastic job" of chairing and facilitating the meetings without attempting to influence the outcome.

Mr. Nielsen, Pinon Drive, serves on the Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee in addition to the Ad Hoc Spring Down Master Plan Committee. He said that he concurs with everything that Mr. Silver said, including the compliments to Councilmember Wengert. He recalled the meeting when the Parks & Recreation Committee members (Mr. Pierce and Ms. Feldman) had their say. He said that he detected no bitterness when others expressed grossly different views. Mr. Nielsen also said that the proposal for Spring Down is very close to what the Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee proposed and delivered to the Town Council on October 28, 2009.

Councilmember Toben requested clarification on the action to be taken, and whether some formal designation of this parcel as a Community Preserve is necessary. Ms. Sloan said that the Council is being asked whether it generally agrees with the Committee conclusion and authorizes proceeding with Phase 1 improvements. She also said that she did not believe it necessary to formally designate the parcel as a Community Preserve. At this time, the parcel is designated as an Open Space Preserve, which predated the Town's purchase from the Goodsteins in 2000.

Ms. Sloan also mentioned Planning Department documentation indicating that if the boarding stable ever ceased operations that the Town should attempt to acquire the front property as open space. In addition, Councilmember Wengert referred to a February 6, 2010 memorandum to the Committee from Ms. Lambert, in which she discussed the parcel in the context of General Plan designations. This memorandum, according to Councilmember Wengert, also included the information about the boarding stable that Ms. Sloan mentioned.

Mr. Young said that the report indicated that some members of the Committee wanted recreation facilities on the Spring Down parcel. He said, too, that there was considerable discussion about how the parcel was acquired, and that the fundraising that occurred to acquire it had represented it as open space.

Vice Mayor Derwin indicated that she agreed with Councilmember Toben's stance on making sure that the messaging about the recommendations for the parcel is appropriate.

Mr. Young said that tonight's Town Council agenda was distributed to all Committee members, as had been agreed at the Committee's last meeting (September 30, 2010). In addition to discussing the Committee's recommendations for future designation of the Spring Down parcel, he said that the Town Council is also being asked to discuss the Committee's recommendations for proceeding with Phase 1 improvements and preparing for Phase 2 pond improvements.

The first set of improvements would include a perimeter trail and middle trail with no signage. Committee members and staff have field-staked a proposed trail alignment for the perimeter trail, which would begin with a single loop. As part of Phase 1, Mr. Young said that the Committee also recommended:

- Restoring the perimeter fence and keeping it rustic because the existing fence is historic and complements the stable facilities
- Removing privets
- Adding plantings to fill in shrubs along Portola Road and the access road

- Providing initial screening with oak trees and Toyon shrubs
- Keeping the pear trees, at least at first
- Eventually removing eucalyptus trees

Mr. Young said that the estimated cost of Phase 1 improvements would be about \$30,000, including \$22,000 for the trail work.

Councilmember Toben asked for clarification in regard to a statement about letting the middle trail be created by where people walk. He said that in the last couple of years, a nice path has been mowed at the midpoint, and because it tends to keep people from wandering around too much, he suggested that it might be an element of the trail design. Mr. Young explained that the mowed area is a fire break, and that it will continue to be mowed. He also said that the Committee wanted a base rock trail, a multi-use surface that would be appropriate for strollers. The alignment was chosen because of where it gets shade. Councilmember Richards added that it's a fairly common technique in site planning to leave areas open when planners are unsure about the way people will circulate.

Phase 2, Mr. Young said, involves recommendations about the pond. These include removing invasive weeds and debris, thinning out vegetation, lowering the water level (to address the flooding issues, improve drainage and make it safer) and ultimately returning the pond to its state before the Spring Down Equestrian Center moved in. The Committee envisions a shallow vernal pool between 24 and 36 inches deep, which would involve some design, re-grading of the existing manmade pond and adjacent areas, and re-vegetation.

Mr. Young said that he is in the process of checking with various regulatory agencies as to whether environmental permits will be needed, but in any case, surveys will be undertaken to ascertain the wildlife habitats that would be affected. If permits prove necessary, it would add approximately \$20,000 to the \$79,500 estimated for Phase 2, he said.

Councilmember Wengert said that the Committee members discussed the pond at length. It clearly has some liability issues today, particularly its 8-foot depth. It was intended originally as a retention pond that would be pumped (and lowered), she explained, but it has not been used for that purpose since the Town purchased the property. Considering the cost associated with converting this water feature into a vernal pool, she said that perhaps a phased approach might be taken to accomplish that over time.

Councilmember Richards pointed out that the pond is essentially dead as it is, because the water has no oxygen, and the Committee determined that it would be cost-prohibitive to bring it to life.

Mr. Young indicated that Mr. Goodstein had asked the Town to build a perimeter fence to help keep horses contained in the event of an earthquake. Since that request goes beyond the Committee's recommendation for restoration of the existing fence, Mr. Young asked for Councilmembers' guidance. In response to Vice Mayor Derwin's question about the difference between a rustic and a robust fence, Mr. Young said that parts of the fence are rather dilapidated, and also, there is no existing fence on the south side of the lot, between the open-space property and the Whites' property.

In response to Councilmember Toben, Mr. Young said that the Goodsteins would be willing to pay 50% of the cost. However, he said that in his opinion, if they want a 4-foot fence strong enough to keep horses contained, they should pay for it.

Mr. Nielsen pointed out that as he understood it, the Goodsteins did not request the fencing solely for their own horses. They are interested in an "emergency corral" to temporarily hold residents' horses in the event of an earthquake or fire, an idea that Mr. Nielsen said has a good deal of merit. Further, Mr. Nielsen said that he thought that the fence would be a restored version of what's there now – a 4-foot board-and-

post fence. He added that it would make sense to confirm with people who know about horses, as a robust fence and a rustic fence may be the same thing.

Mr. Young said that the current fence along Portola Road is a combination of angle iron, wire and old 2x4s with a lot of moss on it that strikes some people as rustic. The fence along the easement road is more of a rail fence. If rail fencing is considered for Portola Road, it would require an evaluation of how it would affect the view corridor. He also said that a long rail fence would be expensive, far in excess of the \$5,000 currently earmarked for fence restoration.

Councilmember Toben said that the idea of an emergency facility to corral horses in the aftermath of an earthquake is brilliant. Horse owners might even donate funds to create it as a community asset.

Ms. Howard suggested further exploration of the idea with the Goodsteins; because she said what Mr. Young described differs somewhat from what she and Mr. Goodstein had talked about. She said that this is probably a subject for further discussion, because opinions differ as to how the fence should look, especially along Portola Road. Vice Mayor Derwin suggested removing the fence from the discussion at this time.

Councilmembers expressed concurrence with recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee to preserve the Spring Down lot as open space and to proceed with the Committee's proposals for Phase 1 and Phase 2, except for specific decisions on fencing and details about pond design.

In terms of Phase 1 recommendations, Vice Mayor Derwin asked whether the Committee discussed the idea of a community garden. Jon Silver said that he brought it up at the request of Danna Breen, but it didn't go anywhere. Councilmember Wengert said that the reason is probably that most of those on the Committee wanted to keep everything on the parcel in a native state. Mr. Nielsen said that in fact, the Ad Hoc Spring Down Master Plan Committee came in with a lower-key proposal than that developed by the Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee.

Mr. Young said the subject of dog runs also came up, but that option not only would have occupied a large part of the parcel, but also would have required a great deal of fencing.

Councilmember Wengert said that there was a pretty strong sentiment that both community garden and dog park uses could be appropriate if suitable land could be found elsewhere, but most Committee members considered them inappropriate for the Spring Down parcel. Mr. Nielsen pointed out that the Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee keeps its eyes out to identify areas that might be better-suited for such uses than land that should be kept as open space.

In response to Vice Mayor Derwin's question about no benches being included with the Committee's recommendations, Councilmember Wengert said that issue might be revisited after Phase 2. She explained that the perimeter trail was the Committee's primary focus, followed by seeing how the internal trails work and then how the pond pans out. Benches might be considered again after that. According to Mr. Nielsen, even the Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee thought picnic benches might be a nice idea, but were concerned about the associated food and trash that would come with picnicking. Still, he said that perhaps benches would be appropriate beneath the willow tree and back by the pond.

As for the pond, Mr. Nielsen pointed out that he always thought it could be the crown jewel of the Spring Down property. He considers the pond at Portola Valley Ranch as a sort of model for what he envisions. Because a lot of water collects at the Spring Down pond location for some geologic reason, he added, it makes sense to make use of it, and cutting back the willows could help improve the aeration while making the pond more attractive to waterfowl. Mr. Nielsen said that he'd like the pond 5 feet deep, whereas he indicated that Mr. Young would prefer it lower than the level of liability, which would be 2 to 3 feet.

Because the Council concurs with the direction laid out in the Committee recommendations, Mr. Young said that the regulatory agencies will be engaged as appropriate to determine, among other things,

whether any endangered species would be affected, and a hydrologist would be involved before proceeding with any design work.

- (7) Recommendation by Public Works Director – Calling for bids for the Alpine Road C-1 Trail Project, also known as the Alpine Road Paved Path [8:25 p.m.]
- (a) Adoption of a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley approving plans and specifications and calling for bids for the Portola Valley Alpine Road Paved Path Project No. 2008-PW02 (Resolution No. 2517-2011)

Mr. Young indicated that many Councilmembers have served in liaison capacities to Stanford University in discussing the C-1 Trail. The plan is for the Town to use funds from Stanford, up to \$2.8 million in improvements, to resurface, restore and rehabilitate the paved trail along Alpine Road between Arastradero Road and the Ladera Shopping Center, bordering the Town limits. He said that the work will include realigning portions of the trail in accordance with Trails & Paths Committee recommendations, installing a pedestrian bridge and building a retaining wall to reinforce both the trail and Alpine Road.

Construction is expected to begin in June 2011 and be completed in November 2011, during which time sections of Alpine Road will be closed. Some closure will be needed to accommodate construction of the retaining wall in the creek; California Department of Fish & Game permits leave a window between June 15, 2011 and October 1, 2011 for retaining wall work. Road closure also will be necessary for removal and replacement of various sections of the trail.

Mr. Young said that construction costs are estimated at \$1.6 million. Stanford will forward the funds once the bids are opened and the project moves forward.

Councilmember Wengert moved to adopt the resolution approving plans and specifications for the Portola Valley Alpine Road Paved Path project pursuant to the Public Works Director's recommendations. Councilmember Toben seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Councilmember Richards moved to authorize the Town Manager to enter into agreements with construction management, inspection and materials testing firms as budgeted for in the C-1 Trail agreement with Stanford University. Councilmember Wengert seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- (8) Recommendation by the Finance Committee – Town Staff Employees Pay a Percentage of Dependent Healthcare Costs and Reduction of Special Traffic Patrols [8:30 p.m.]

Dependent Healthcare Coverage

By way of background, Finance Committee Chair Michele Takei noted that the Committee has been considering the issue of employee healthcare costs for some years, since the 2008-2009 San Mateo County Grand Jury issued its report, *Reversing the Upward Trajectory of Employee Costs in the Cities of San Mateo County*. She said that the Committee has held at least two meetings to discuss how the Town's policies regarding healthcare benefits compare to those in the private sector. A Kaiser Family Foundation study showed that on average, private sector employees pay 19% toward the cost of individual health insurance coverage, and 30% for family coverage. Portola Valley covers 100% up to the cost of Kaiser coverage for its employees.

Ms. Takei said the Finance Committee recommends that the Town continue to offer free medical insurance up to the Kaiser cost to its employees but that they each start contributing 12.5% toward the cost of dependent coverage. Individual Committee members expressed favoring employee cost-sharing ranging from 0% to 25% before voting 4-1 in favor of 12.5%.



MEMORANDUM

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

TO: Mayor and Members of the Town Council

FROM: Howard Young, Public Works Director
Leslie Lambert, Planning Manager
Ann Wengert, Committee Chair
John Richards, Council Liaison

DATE: April 13, 2011

RE: Report from the Ad-Hoc Spring Down Master Plan Committee
Spring Down Open Space Parcel Master Plan
Discussion items and direction

Discussion

Staff is requesting that the Town Council discuss the following items and provide direction:

1. Discussion of the purpose and intent of the Spring Down Open Space lot as it relates to intended type of use and future improvements. Review and approval of the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Spring Down Master Plan Committee.
2. To proceed with Phase 1 improvements and prepare for Phase 2 pond improvements as recommended by the Ad-Hoc Spring Down Master Plan Committee.

Background and Public Process

The Town's Open Space Fund was used to purchase 6 acres fronting on Portola Road, from the Spring Down Equestrian Center in 2000 from owners Stan and Carol Goodstein. In November 2008, Spring Down Equestrian Center, under agreement, removed their horse ring facilities from the parcel. In 2008, in conjunction with the Town Center Project and as part of the restoration, the Town placed dirt fill and applied native grass seed to the lot. Before proceeding further with any alterations or improvements to the site, Council recognized the need for a master plan for the newly acquired parcel.

At its December 9, 2009 Town Council meeting, the Council authorized the formation of the Ad-Hoc Spring Down Master Plan Committee to review site alternatives, develop a consensus on the optimal master plan for the site and present its recommendations to the Town Council. The members were appointed from applicants and members of Town Committees, Council, staff, and other interested members of the public to provide an open process (Exhibit A: List of Ad-Hoc Committee members). Adjacent property owners Stan and Carol Goodstein and Phil White were also invited to the meetings. As part of the process, meetings were publicly noticed, posted on the Town's website, and the PV Forum. The Committee meeting minutes are attached as Exhibit B.

The Committee held public meetings 4 times in 2010 and had lengthy and productive discussions concerning the future of the Town owned Spring Down lot. The recommendations and general summary of discussions are incorporated into this report to the Town Council for presentation and direction.

The meetings consisted of a tour of the property, review and discussion of various handouts including the Town's Open Space Definition (Exhibit C), History of Spring Down (Exhibit D), the Town's General Plan, proposed site uses, and refinement of those ideas. There were also initial field studies and conceptual planning performed by the consultant Balance Hydrologics, Inc. The Balance Hydrologics report was also reviewed and discussed by the Committee and Staff (copies are available with the Town Clerk for review).

Discussion items:

Discussion of the purpose and intent of the Spring Down Open Space lot as it relates to intended type of use and future improvements. Review and approval of the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Spring Down Master Plan Committee.

The general consensus of the Ad-Hoc Committee members and its adjacent neighbors participating in the meetings, was that the lot remain as open space, in an undeveloped state. The General Plan designates the parcel for the former equestrian center as a park/preserve. Members of the Committee further agreed that if the equestrian center ceased its operations, the parcel should be retained by the Town as open space. Members also noted that donations collected for the Open Space Acquisition Fund were intended for parcels retained as open space. However, there were a minority of committee members with the opinion that the lot could be considered for more developed recreational facilities such as a skate park or accommodating a baseball game. Staff recommends that Council discuss and concur with the Ad-Hoc Committee consensus for the property to remain in a natural state and as open space as indicated in the meeting minutes of 2/25/10.

To direct staff to proceed with Phase 1 improvements and prepare for Phase 2 pond improvements as recommended by the Ad-Hoc Spring Down Master Plan Committee.

Balance Hydrologics Inc. was retained to perform basic conceptual planning for the lot based on comments received from the Committee, to analyze the condition of the manmade pond to determine what options were available and to provide a rough preliminary cost estimate. The plan was reviewed by the Committee and it was determined that the plan was too complex and expensive. Input was provided by the Committee and staff to modify the plan into a simpler one. As a result, it was recommended that a 2 phased approach be adopted for the project. The first phase would involve improvements to the land areas of the parcel. The second phase would involve improvements to the existing manmade pond and its adjacent areas. Any pond related items will need to be reviewed by an environmental consultant prior to developing any formal plans. The Committee moved to recommend to the Town Council, that Phase 1 be constructed in such a way as to prepare for the Committee's long term goal of vernal restoration. In the immediate term the Committee recommends the following:

Phase 1: Land

1. Perimeter Trail - Start with a single loop, similar to what was identified by the Open Space Committee. A proposed trail alignment was field staked by members of the Committee and Staff. (Exhibit E)
2. Middle Trail – Do not identify the trail, let it be created by where people walk
3. Other:
 - Keep pear trees in place for time being
 - Remove privets
 - Provide plantings to fill in shrubs along Portola Road and access road – screen with Oaks and Toyon now and eventually remove the eucalyptus trees. Conservation Committee could make recommendations on a phased approach for landscape removal and light revegetation
 - Plant in fall
4. Signage – No need for interpretive signs
5. Fence – Perimeter
 - Keep it rustic – existing fence is historic and in keeping with the stable facilities

Estimated Cost: \$30,000 (see Exhibit F for additional details)

Phase 2: Vision of Manmade Pond to Vernal Pool (a phased approach)

Minimum work recommended:

1. Lower water level below cyclone fence to make the area safe, and improve drainage. Clean-Up Non-Natives, thin out vegetation, remove garbage.

Recommended work for planning and future implementation:

2. Turn the existing manmade pond into a shallow vernal pool. This would involve

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some design, re-grading of the existing manmade pond and adjacent areas, and revegetation. An environmental consultant will need to be retained to assist in developing perimeters. If the concept is approved, a final design would be brought forth to the Ad-Hoc committee and Council for approval. This item may involve regulatory permitting. Staff will engage regulatory agencies and if needed, an environmental consultant, when practical to determine what, if any, permits are necessary.

Estimated Cost: \$79,500 (see Exhibit F for additional details)

Total estimated cost phase 1 and 2: \$109,500.00

Additional cost of regulatory permit procedure if required: \$20,000.00

Budget

The adopted 2010/2011 Town budget allowed \$75,000 for work related to the Spring Down lot. This amount was allocated as a place holder for anticipated improvements to the lot once direction was provided. Funds may be budgeted in the 2011/2012 budget as needed.

Attachments: Exhibit A - List of Ad-Hoc Committee members
Exhibit B - Ad-Hoc Committee Minutes 2/11/10, 2/25/10, 4/15/10, 9/30/10
Exhibit C - Open Space Definition
Exhibit D - History of Spring Down
Exhibit E - Proposed perimeter trail alignment
Exhibit F - Preliminary Cost Estimate

Approved:


Angela Howard, Town Manager

Open Space Definition

State planning law defines open space as serving four purposes: preservation of natural resources, managed production of resources, outdoor recreation, and public health and safety. The Town's General Plan identifies the same purposes of open space.

The Open Space Element of the Town's General Plan provides a framework for preservation of open space within the planning area. It includes all open areas, large and small, public and private. The element is mainly concerned with the open space lands that are major significance for public recreation and aesthetics, public health and safety, and protection of natural processes and which require special actions to ensure their preservation.

Section 2203 of the Open Space Element provides the following definition of open space. "Open space land" is any parcel or area of land or water which is essentially unimproved and devoted to an open space use which is designated on a local, regional or state open space plan as any of the following:

1. Open space for the preservation of natural resources, including but not limited to areas required for preservation of plant and animal life, including habitat for fish and wildlife species, areas required for ecological and other scientific study purposes; rivers, wetlands, streams, lake shores, banks or rivers and streams, and watershed lands.
2. Open space used for the managed production of resources, including but not limited to forest lands, rangeland, agricultural lands and areas of economic importance for the production of food or fiber; areas required for recharge of ground-water basins; and marshes, rivers and streams which are important for the management of commercial fisheries.
3. Open space for outdoor recreation, including but not limited to areas of outstanding scenic, historic and cultural value; areas particularly suited for park and recreation purposes, including access to lake shores, rivers and streams; and areas which serve as links between major recreation and open space reservations, including utility easements, banks of rivers and streams, trails and scenic highway corridors.
4. Open space for public health and safety, including, but not limited to areas of which require special management or regulation because of hazardous or special conditions such as earthquake fault zones, unstable soil areas, flood plains, watersheds, areas presenting high fire risks, areas required for the protection of water quality and water reservoirs, and areas required for the protection and enhancement of air quality.

February 6, 2010

EXHIBIT D



TO: Spring Down Master Plan Committee
FROM: Leslie Lambert, Planning Manager
DATE: February 6, 2010
RE: Spring Down Property Overview

Town Owned Spring Down Property

The property consists of two parcels, approximately 6+acres, identified as parcels 3 and 4 of the Goodstein subdivision. The Town purchased the parcels in 2000 using Open Space Funds. The property was leased back to Spring Down for a ten-year period to be used primarily as riding rings. The lease was terminated in November 2008. As part of the purchase agreement with Spring Down they were required to remove all of the existing structures and grade the property prior to it being turned over to the Town. Public Works Director Howard Young supervised the grading operations. Since the Town took over the property, little has been done on the property, with the exception of hydroseeding of wildflowers in the spring of 2008.

Assessor's Parcel Numbers:

076-280-140 and 076-280-150

Property Description:

The property is essentially a slice out of the floor of the valley. It is characterized by a large, open, gently sloped meadow surrounded by Coast Live Oak trees and a few Redwood trees. A thick growth of Red Willows dominates the southwest corner of the property. Hidden by the willows is a pond excavated by Spring Down to control flooding. The property has approximately 500 feet of frontage along Portola Road, identified as a Greenway in the Town's General Plan. Sausal Creek, located on the adjacent Spring Down Equestrian Center property, drains a substantial portion of the Rancho Corte Madera and Neils Gulch, which extends up toward Skyline ridge.

Access to the property is via a recorded mutual access easement, with the roadway maintained by the Town and various private property owners who use it.

Planning Permits:

Subdivision (File X6D-175) 11.69-acre site subdivided into four parcels (Parcel Map Vol. 73/13-14) in 1992.

Development Agreement entered into in 1993 by the Town and Stan and Carol Goodstein to allow subdivision of the 11.69-acre site into four residential parcels.

Conditional Use Permit (File X7D-29) approved by Planning Commission in 1968 to allow a boarding stable on the property to Mr. Myrl Stearns. The boarding stable was identified as meeting a special need in the Town and was compatible with the uses on the surrounding properties, and the improvements on the property would be rural in character. The owner of the property was the Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco. The Planning Commission approved an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit in 1984 and the property owners were identified as Stan and Carol Goodstein.

General Plan Designation:

The General Plan diagram and legend identify the land as a park/preserve. The general plan text in Section 2314a, under the heading of Community Preserves, provides the following description.

The Stables Preserve occupies a parcel between the town center and the Orchard Preserve. The boarding stable buildings are set back approximately 700 feet from Portola Road. The front part of the property is used for the training of horses and forms part of the open space corridor along Portola Road. The boarding stable is part of the recreation facilities in the town. Should the boarding stable ever cease, the town should attempt to see that the front part of the property along Portola Road be retained as open space. (emphasis added)

Since the parcel is listed as a community preserve, it is important to look at the definition of community preserves, which is found in Section 2302 as follows:

Community Preserves are scenic areas kept essentially in a natural state for the benefit of the residents of the town. Such preserves provide visual pleasure and accommodate very limited access and use, such as trails and paths.

It is therefore clear that the general plan intends that the land remain as open space. Also, since the Stables Preserve is listed under the category of Community Preserve, without a general plan amendment, it would remain under the Community Preserve category.

As noted in the separate memo "Open Space Definition," open space is defined as land that: preserves natural resources, is used for managed production of resources, is used for outdoor recreation or is used for public health and safety purposes. Were the subject land to be used for one of these purposes, the classification as a community preserve would likely no longer be appropriate and a general plan amendment would likely be required. Alternatively, the land could continue to be classified as a community preserve.

It is also important that Portola Road Corridor, as described in Sections 2159 -2162 of the General Plan, provides a context for Stables Preserve. In general, the corridor is to: connect the Nathhorst Triangle area with the Town Center area; provide for safe travel by

foot, car or horse; provide a coordinated design; be developed so that the character of the existing orchards and open fields will be maintained. (emphasis added)

The corridor is also classified as a Greenway. Greenways are defined as "...corridors of beauty, natural or enhanced by landscaping, through which riding and hiking trails, cycling and walking paths, or roads pass linking portions of the planning area. (Section 2302.)

Zoning Designation:

R-E/3.5A/SD-2/D-R (Residential-Estate/3.5 Acre Minimum Lot Size/Slope Density Table No. 2/Design-Review).

The R-E district is intended to promote and encourage the establishment and maintenance of a rural environment suitable for family living with parcels of adequate size to accommodate single-family dwellings, and where appropriate, accessory equestrian facilities.

Principal uses permitted in this district include: single-family dwellings, public schools or other public buildings when located in conformance with the general plan.

Conditional uses include publicly owned park, recreation or open space areas when located in conformance with the general plan.

Geologic and Ground Movement Potential Maps:

A majority of the two front parcels owned by the Town is within the fault setbacks from the San Andreas Fault as shown on the new geologic map (ground movement potential map). All but a strip averaging 150 ft in width along Portola Road is within the setbacks.

According to the Town's Geologic Map the property is located in an area underlain by alluvium (Qal) generally described as unconsolidated to moderately consolidated gravel, sand, and silt. According to the Town's Ground Movement Potential Map the property is located in a zone characterized as (Sbr) relatively stable ground, identified as level ground to moderately steep slopes underlain by bedrock.

Biological and Fire Hazard Map:

According to the Town's Biologic Map the property is located within Urban Forest/Garden designation. This landscape dominates the eastern half of the town. It has transformed what was historically grassland, oak savanna and chaparral into densely planted woodland that includes native oaks and chaparral shrubs along with landscape trees and shrubs. Larger patches of native habitat remain intact in a few areas. This vegetation type occurs in areas immediately adjacent to homes and roads where landscape species have been planted, or where the natural vegetation is managed as a suburban landscape.

According to the Town's Fire Hazard Map the property is located within the FPUF (h) Fire-Prone Urban Forest (high) designation.

Flood Zone Designation

According to the FEMA Community Panel 065052-0001 C, dated November 13, 1979, Zone "C", an area of minimal flooding that does not typically require flood insurance.

Definition of Open Space

Since there has been considerable discussion in the town with respect to the definition of open space, committee members may want to review the definition of open space as contained in the memorandum from the town planner to the town council dated 11/4/09 re. Open Space Definition and the follow-up memorandum dated 11/19/09.

Note: This memorandum has been prepared in consultation with the town planner.

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First American Title Company

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Recorded in Official Records
County of San Mateo
Warren Stocum
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:
Town of Portola Valley
765 Portola Road
Portola Valley, CA 94028



Space Above This Line for Recorder's Use Only

A.P.N.: 076-280-0150

File No.: 4102-1823364 (SB)

Transfer Tax Declared and Paid Pursuant to
Sect. 2920 of Ord. 1987 amended by Ord. 1998

GRANT DEED

The Undersigned Grantor(s) Declare(s): DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX \$Not Shown; CITY TRANSFER TAX \$0.00;
SURVEY MONUMENT FEE \$ *CA. T+R CODE 2920/11932*

- computed on the consideration or full value of property conveyed, OR
- computed on the consideration or full value less value of liens and/or encumbrances remaining at time of sale,
- unincorporated area; City of **Portola Valley**, and

YMC

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, **Goodstein Family Partners, LP,**
a California limited partnership

hereby GRANTS to **Town of Portola Valley, a municipal corporation**

the following described property in the City of **Portola Valley**, County of **San Mateo**, State of **California**:

PARCEL I:

Parcel 4 as shown on that certain map entitled "PARCEL MAP OF THE LANDS OF S & C TRUST, TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA", filed in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California on October 10, 2000 in Book 73 of Parcel Maps at Pages 13 and 14.

PARCEL II:

A non-exclusive easement for private ingress and egress and private utility purposes within a portion of Parcel 1 as shown on the map above mentioned. Said portion being so much of said Parcel 1 as is designated "PRIVATE INGRESS/EGRESS EASEMENT TO BENEFIT PARCELS 2, 3 & 4 DOC. NOS. 2000-126652 and 2000-126654", on said map.

PARCEL III:

A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress and utility purposes within a portion of Parcel 3 as shown on the map above mentioned. Said portion being so much of said Parcel 3 as is designated "PRIVATE 20' WIDE INGRESS/EGRESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL 4 DOC. #2000-126653", on said map.

PARCEL IV:

Mail Tax Statements To: **SAME AS ABOVE**

A.P.N.: 076-280-0150

Grant Deed - continued

File No.: 4102-1823364

(SB)

Date: 05/13/2005

A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT for ingress and egress and public utilities over the Southeasterly 60 feet measured at right angles Northwesterly from the Southeasterly line of the hereinafter described parcel:

BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the Southeasterly line of that certain 6.006 acre tract of land described in Deed to the Portola Elementary School District recorded April 29, 1949 in Book 1657 of Official Records at Page 299, Records of San Mateo County, with the Southwesterly line of Portola Road (County Road No. 52) as established by Deed to the County of San Mateo, dated May 2, 1951 and recorded May 21, 1951 in Book 2073 of Official Records at Page 502; said point of beginning also being distant along the Southeasterly line of said 6.006 acre tract, South 39° 22' West 35.14 feet from the most Easterly corner thereof; thence from said point of beginning along the Southwesterly line of Portola Road South 50° 05' East 188.85 feet; South 43° 15' East 148.66 feet and South 39° 23' East 54.75 feet; thence leaving said Southwesterly line South 60° 58' 30" West 758.73 feet; thence North 29° 09' 30" West 736.82 feet to the Southwesterly prolongation of the Northwesterly line of said above mentioned 6.006 acre tract, thence along said prolongation North 51° 00' 40" East 101.49 feet to the most Westerly corner of said tract; thence along the Southwesterly and Southeasterly boundaries thereof South 29° 09' 30" East 596 feet and North 39° 22' East 586.05 feet to the point of beginning.

Said easements set forth above as Parcels II, III and IV are to be appurtenant to and for the benefit of Parcel I above.

APN: 076-280-150 JPN: 076-028-280-01-A

In addition, the use of the real property herein conveyed ("Property") shall be restricted to use as an equestrian center during the time Grantor leases back the Property from Grantee and thereafter shall be restricted to use as "open space", including, but not limited to, recreational activities. All uses shall be operated predominantly in the open, except for accessory or incidental enclosed or unenclosed structures.

Dated: 05/13/2005

A.P.N.: 076-280-0150

Grant Deed - continued

File No.: 4102-1823364

(SB)

Date: 05/13/2005

Goodstein Family Partners, LP, a California limited partnership

By: Stanley L. Goodstein and Carol J. Goodstein, Trustees of the S. & C. Trust u/a/d June 29, 1982, General Partner

[Handwritten signature of Stanley L. Goodstein]

By: Stanley L. Goodstein, Trustee

[Handwritten signature of Carol J. Goodstein]

By: Carol J. Goodstein, Trustee

STATE OF California }
 } ss.
COUNTY OF San Mateo }

On 5/13/05, before me, the undersigned personally appeared Stanley L. Goodstein & Carol J. Goodstein, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies) and that his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

This area for official notarial seal

Signature

[Handwritten signature of Notary Public]



My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Name: _____

Notary Phone: _____

Notary Registration Number: _____

County of Principal Place of Business: _____

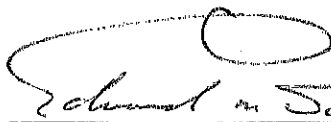
**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE
(GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 27281)**

**OF DEED OR GRANT TO THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY,
SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**


This to certify that the interest in real property conveyed by the foregoing deed, grant or other instrument dated 5/13/05, from Stanley L. Goodstein and Carol J. Goodstein, Trustees of the S. & C. Trust under trust agreement dated June 29, 1982 and general partners of the Goodstein Family Partners, LP, a California limited partnership, to the Town of Portola Valley, a California general law municipality, is hereby accepted by the undersigned on behalf of the Town pursuant to authority conferred by resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley bearing No. 2166, adopted on 5/11/05, and said Town consents to recordation thereof.

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

Dated 5/13/05, 2005

By: 
Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk

Portola Valley

ACCOUNTABLE FORM # 11940 {PRIVATE}

DATE: 5-16-05

To: San Mateo County Recorder

Subject: REQUEST THAT DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX DECLARATION BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAN MATEO COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE SECTION 2920 & REVENUE CODE 11932.

Reference: Instrument title: GRANT DEED
Name of Party Conveying Title: GOODSTEIN

The Documentary Transfer Tax is declared to be in the amount of \$ 1787.50 for the referenced instrument and is: _____ and City of San Mateo \$ _____

- () Computed on full value of property conveyed
- () Computed on full value less liens/encumbrances remaining thereon at time of sale

This separate declaration is made in accordance with County Ordinance Code Section 2922. It is requested that the amount paid be indicated on the face of the document after the permanent copy has been made.

Sincerely, 

Individual (or his agent) who made, signed or issued the instrument.

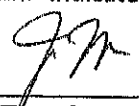
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
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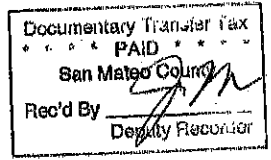
SEPARATE PAPER AFFIXED TO INSTRUMENT:

"Tax paid" indicated on the face of instrument and the separate request (DRA 3-A) was affixed for Recorder by:

 Date: 5/17/05

Documentary Transfer Tax Collector

Witnessed by:  Date: JUN 10 2005
Mall Clerk



(Note: Prepare photo for Recorder file.)
Form #DRA 3
Recorder

Town Center Master Plan Update
Input from Town Committees and Commissions

Name of Committee/Commission: ASCC

Date of Meeting: 12/14/15 Committee Liaison: Megan Koch

Current issues:

Historic School House is underutilized. Only council, commissions and committees are allowed to use the room. Other groups/organizations requires Council permission to use the space.

Should improve the Native Garden so that it is functional and promote it as a demonstration garden to show what people can do in a drought environment.

Future opportunities:

Consider purchasing the El Mirador property behind the soccer field.

Other comments: Wishes more people knew they could walk to Town Hall from the Episcopal Church parking lot

Town Center Master Plan Update Input from Town Committees and Commissions

Name of Committee/Commission: Conservation Committee
Date of Meeting: 01/26/2016 Committee Liaison: Murphy/Eastman

Town Center should continue to be a model showcase for best practices for residents and visitors.

Our Highest Priority is maintaining all of Springdown as dedicated Open Space. We need to see documentation of actual legal restrictions (binding) and Springdown Committee Report (?non-binding)

Current issues:

-Views of Town buildings and western hills possibly obscured by increasing vegetation
-multiple events scheduled at same time create parking problems.

Future Opportunities:

-Improve development only to the extent that it continues our role as demonstration of best practices in sustainability and wise landscaping (native plants/habitat preservation).
-Improve our use of water – greywater, recycle, rain barrels, rain garden.
-Restore Springdown pond so it becomes a feature not a hazard/blight
- Optimize use of open creek at rear of Springdown Open Space. About 80% of the length of that creek is on Town side of the property line. Purchase of very tiny piece of land (useless to Springdown because outside their fence) there would put the entire creek in Town property. This would be a small fraction of the cost of daylighting the current culvert.

Other Comments:

- Be mindful of Portola Road View Corridor guidelines.
-Preserve views of the western hills.
-Preserve and protect the redwood groves.
-Only native plants in the landscaping except for playing fields.
-No artificial turf.
-Planting plan for Town Center created by Conservation Committee and approved in 2014 and plans for restoration of Native Plant Demonstration Garden are both currently on hold because of drought. Consult these as Long Range Committee plans take shape.
-There will be more requests for space and structures than this acreage can meet. We urge minimal build out for only the highest priority projects to preserve the park-like and open ambience. Do not jam in everything possible.

Town Center Master Plan Update
Input from Town Committees and Commissions

Name of Committee/Commission: Cultural Arts Committee

Date of Meeting: 1/14/16 Committee Liaison: Megan Koch

Current issues:

Interested in more options/ space for performances. Art/ Science/Music/ Theater.

History center missing

Future opportunities:

They would love to have a performing arts center. In the form of a barn structure. Stage and seating or some wonderful building that could hold a history center, nature and science, ART, Art projects, Art activities, Art shows, and be used for parties.

Other comments: _____

Town Center Master Plan Update
Input from Town Committees and Commissions

Name of Committee/Commission: Emergency Preparedness

Date of Meeting: 3/10/2016 Committee Liaison: Craig Taylor

Current issues:

- Radio room: The communications room is too small for the current equipment and operators. Additional earthquake secure space is needed.
 - Access to EOC: There is concern that bridge over the creek will collapse in an earthquake preventing or limiting access to the EOC.
 - Library usage during an emergency: There is no clear policy for the use of the library building in an emergency.
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Future opportunities:

- Although not directly on the Town Center Campus, we need to acquire a repeater location, with power, that is at an elevation capable of covering most of the town and line of sight to the Town Center.
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Other comments:

As additional plans are made for the Campus, tent space and helicopter landing zone need to be reserved for emergencies.

For the Town Master Plan Update Committee Meeting

Report from Sue Crane, Representing Friends of the Library of Portola Valley - February 2016

Comments, questions, and suggestions from members attending the FOPVL meeting on January 12, 2016 are briefly summarized below.

CURRENT ISSUES

OBSERVATIONS:

The general observation was that the entire library facility is currently reaching capacity. There is a definite need to find additional, flexible spaces within town center to meet both current and future needs.

The current high level of Library and Town Center usage strongly indicates a need for more room and more options for child, teen, and adult activities. In addition to our attractive, quiet reading areas, there is a growing need for flexible spaces, both indoor and outdoor, to accommodate various types and sizes of groups for a variety of ages and activities--educational, lectures, arts and crafts, sports, and social.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Although great growth is not projected for Portola Valley, its residents' desires and needs for services and amenities will no doubt continue to grow.

- Many young, growing families are moving in and desire more library/community services and programs. The need for pre-school and afterschool programs and activities will increase.
- Senior citizens remain more vibrant than ever before, needing accessible spaces in which to gather and participate in senior activities. In addition to Sequoia residents, many seniors now continue to live in their homes and remain active residents within our community.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

1. How might we proceed in meeting these future needs?
 - a) What's the feasibility of enlarging the footprint of the current library building? (and/or other buildings?)
 - b) What's the feasibility of developing facilities at Spring Down? (for library and other usages)
 - c) What's the feasibility of developing an amphitheater?
2. Wish List Suggestions
 - a) Add an expanded separate "historical area," perhaps utilizing the "woodchoppers house" so that current crowded history area within the library could be expanded and its current space utilized by the library. (See Nancy Lund's notes attached separately)

- b) Provide a place where people can meet and socialize, perhaps offering a café experience.
- c) Provide settings where residents of various ages can meet socially and participate in a variety of activities, sometimes concurrently. (An MUR with separate side rooms would offer wonderful opportunities.)
- d) Include an environmental element - perhaps similar to that at the Baylands Center. (A simple example would be to create a nature/creekside walk with signs indicating local native plants, habitat, history, etc.)
- e) Increase parking areas (both regular and handicap).

OTHER COMMENTS

FOPVL members foresee that there are many opportunities on the horizon that could enable us to better meet both current and future needs of our library and our community. As an active volunteer group supporting our library and its programs, we appreciate being included in the process and look forward to future collaborative efforts as the Master Plan Update for Portola Valley proceeds.

Thoughts on the Community Heritage Center

submitted by Nancy Lund, Town Historian

Current Issues

Having the heritage center in this pair of rooms has worked well. Considering that the collection began with one file cabinet in a closet in "Room 6" in 1982, we've come a long way in preserving and sharing our town's history.

We're out of storage space. I have overflow at my house.

Some people are careless about our beautiful tables: there's what appears to be a cigarette burn, and several light scratch marks. Despite the note that only beverages in the room, I regularly have to wash sticky residue of food from the table. Maybe we should have some kind of system in which users must ask the librarian for a key, so there's a way to determine the culprits.

Since it's apparently impossible to connect the seismograph with the town website (why is that???) there's little reason to have the seismograph taking up space. However, since it was built with donations from citizens, and since we have such a famous fault in town, it seems a good idea to keep it.

Future Issues

If we stay here, storage issues will worsen.

If we move to a separate facility....

Loss of connection with the library

Loss of drop-in traffic. More isolation would probably mean less use

Being in temporary quarters risks loss of important documents. During the construction of the new town center while materials were in storage, the personal file boxes of three of our town council founders disappeared.

Security might be more of an issue.

However:

There is the probability of more space, perhaps a classroom.

With more space, more artifacts might come.

The Woodside Community Museum is a model of what we might have.

Combining a history and a nature centers has an appeal.

Town Center Master Plan Update
Input from Town Committees and Commissions

Report from Garrett Kuramoto, Library Manager, Portola Valley Library

Current issues:

- Need for additional study and meeting rooms. High and increasing demands on public spaces for conflicting activities, especially in the afterschool hours, such as small group studying/tutoring, use of computers by both adults and children, play, and library programming.
- Desire for separation of activities places high demand on “private” spaces (the learning center and heritage room).
- Increasing demand for learning center also includes private group meetings, co-working space, and library uses, including public programming and collaborative staff work.
- Popular use of the outdoor patio area as study/work space before, during, and after library hours also results in frequent overcrowding.
- Interest in children’s programming has in some cases outgrown the available space in the children’s room - for example, most storytimes currently attract 50-70 attendees and occasionally reach into the 80s.
- Minimal storage space and a small staff area make it challenging to accommodate hands-on programming.

Future opportunities:

- High Interest in library activities is anticipated to remain strong in the future, so it may be worthwhile to consider designing new or re-purposing existing spaces expressly for such purposes.
- There is an opportunity for Portola Valley Library to benefit from work being done elsewhere in San Mateo County Library buildings, including:
 - Building on our current 3D printing services, SMCL is exploring ways to incorporate forward-thinking design features in program spaces to accommodate a broad range of “maker” activities, from filmmaking and music recording to cooking and woodworking. While Portola Valley Library is able to offer some maker programming, additional flexible space would allow for expansion of these popular offerings.
 - SMCL has also made significant improvements to children’s areas throughout the library system, including interactive installations and toys to accommodate early learning through play.
 - Development of “learning landscapes” that engage community members in learning utilizing spaces outside the library.
- If expansion in the current library building is not feasible, greater utilization of the community hall building may be a solution for programs, in part because of features not present in the current library (non-carpeted rooms, kitchen, equipment/tool storage).

Shifting of certain types of activities outside the library, whether into the community hall or elsewhere, may allow for expansion of other activities in the current building.

Town Center Master Plan Update

Input from Town Committees and Commissions

Name of Committee/Commission: Open Space Acquisition Advisory

Date of Meeting: 3/17/2016 Committee Liaison: Craig Taylor

Current issues:

Spring Down Parcel

- Preservation: Preserving and enhancing the OS character of the parcel including the completion of the vernal pool project. Leave the land undeveloped as part of the Portola Road Scenic Corridor, as defined in the Ad hoc Spring Down Master Plan.
 - Delineation: Deciding on appropriate borders. Do we want fencing or open boundaries. For each of its 4 main sides: equestrian center, Whites property, Portola Road, and Town Center figure out if/how we want the area enclosed:
 1. The equestrian center is concerned about their shared property line where dogs sometimes go into the creek and cause alarm among the horses;
 2. Similarly the Whites might be concerned about encroachment onto their orchard;
 3. Along Portola Road and the equestrian/pedestrian trail, should we open it up more, to a more-natural condition? Do we want to retain some level of fencing along the Portola Rd trail where horses often travel? Move the trail "inland?"
 4. The active Town Center Campus with its bustling activities is complimented perfectly with this serene open space for moments of quiet contemplation. How do we better tie the OS land to the more-developed recreation facilities and playing fields across the driveway?
 - Vernal Pool: The Town Manager) is working on de-stalling the vernal pool project; he contact the various regulatory agencies whose permits are required and have been slowing our progress.
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Future opportunities:

- Daylighting: Sausal Creek is partial daylighted, there has been discussion to open the remaining portion. The committee did not have an opinion on this

project but wanted to make sure the impact on the existing facilities is considered.

Other comments:

The permanent acquisition of open space provides scenic vistas, places to experience natural surroundings and generally enhances the beauty of our community. Additionally, the creation of open space helps to retain the rural qualities of the town, as called for in the General Plan, by preserving and protecting natural settings, including native plants, wildlife and landforms, and provides a counter-balance to development permitted in other parts of the town.

The committee reiterated that Spring Down Parcel was purchased using funds from the Open Space account. The funds are for the acquisition of open space and donors expect those funds to preserve and protect the land from intense activities and over use. This is also consistent with the Spring Down Master Plan.

Picnic tables have been mentioned in the past and the committee felt that this would lead to a litter problem and detract from the open space character.

Town Center Master Plan Update
Input from Town Committees and Commissions

Name of Committee/Commission: Parks & Rec

Date of Meeting: 01/04/2016 Committee Liaison: Craig Hughes

Current issues:

Parks & Rec will be inviting major field user groups to their next couple of meetings to solicit their input on current & future issues: Alpine soccer league; AYSO, little league;

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Future opportunities:

Interested in the opportunities around the Spring Downs property, and connecting that to the rest of the town center facilities. Cautious about daylighting creek and the impact that might have on playing fields. Committee will be conducting major survey about residents' use of town facilities, and this data will be very helpful as we move forward on our master plan update. Going forward, Ann Wengert will be the new Council liaison to the Parks & Rec committee

Other comments:

Parks & Rec activities would be potentially quite heavily impacted by many possible town center updates. They would love to remain closely involved as plans are developed, and could provide a helpful liaison function to some of the town center's heaviest user groups (sports field use mostly). The committee is cautious about any changes, and ready to work to achieve the best possible result for the widest spectrum of people

Town Center Master Plan Update
Input from Town Committees and Commissions

Name of Committee/Commission: Planning Commission

Date of Meeting: 1/6/2016 Committee Liaison: Alex Von Feldt

Current issues:

Questions about tennis court usage

No equestrian loop

No connection with Spring Down

Parking seems at limit, so need to be careful of increasing use at the town center without increasing parking

Future opportunities:

Integrating Spring Down into site

Daylighting the creek – should be addressed in this process even if it isn't pursued

Future connection with Windy Hill

Include long range items such as purchasing lands contiguous to center both north and south through fee or easements when the opportunity arises

Coffee shop

Other comments:

Soccer field usage is remarkable

Most successful parts of town center site are multi-use and not just for one dedicated function; can use this as a filter to help prioritize opportunities

Priority should be placed on things that help build community, e.g., farmer's market

**Compilation of Town Hall Staff Comments
July 12, 2016**

- I believe town hall needs more storage area and office space. I don't know if that means adding another floor, since I assume we can't build out, or if that means a second/separate office somewhere on site.
- While we're dreaming, it would be nice to have an additional conference room.
- Move to Net Zero Energy for Town Operations. This would involve:
 - fuel-switching our heating and water heating from gas to electric
 - increasing renewable energy production to cover our electricity needs
 - planning ahead for equipment replacement, so that we have the opportunity to replace it with the most energy/water efficient options when they fail
 - developing/planning space for battery storage, which would also provide backup in emergency
- Plan for increased electric vehicle infrastructure - for visitors, employees and fleet vehicle
- Further the goal of using Town Center as a model for green building for the community as technology and practices change
 - Example: a greywater demonstration project at the Schoolhouse bathroom
- Consider carrying out the original plan to convert the creek pipe that was retired into a cistern to water the Performance Lawn
- With the number of dogs here and no one following the signs, there should be a dedicated dog area to avoid potential conflicts
- One cube for public works staff (consultant, intern, or future staff, this cube exists now)
- Continue developing community building opportunities
 - Example: community garden, dog park, more picnic tables, amphitheater seating in the Redwood Grove like at a campground
- Space Considerations
 - If new buildings are considered, perhaps consider creating a multi-media room that was designed to be used for meetings/presentations/movies during the day and night
 - Increase storage capacity for Town equipment in Town Hall and elsewhere, users of the Community Hall, etc.
 - Sheriff Substation - perhaps it is worth looking into including the Sheriff Substation in the new fire department plans, or re-locating them elsewhere and reclaiming that office space for Town staff
 - Plan for future staffing needs for the Town and library
 - Radio room in the EOC - this room seems very small and hard to utilize, it almost seems like we need to add on to the back of it?
- In order to accommodate more staffing so that the Town of Portola Valley can effectively function and serve the community, we need a renovation of more office space.
- Employee Wellness Program is a proactive effort in achieving long-term health benefits for Town employees as well as increasing staff engagement and team morale. Funding for this program would be crucial.

Town Center Master Plan Update
Input from Town Committees and Commissions

Name of Committee/Commission: Water Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: 1/6/2016 Committee Liaison: Alex Von Feldt

Current issues:

No grey water, recycled water or rain water harvesting on site or in buildings

Discussed the abandoned pipe that was intended to be used as a 30,000 gallon cistern but was not pursued due to funding.

Parking limited at times

Future opportunities:

Provide demonstration for home water use: high efficiency irrigation, sprinkler controllers, native plants with labels, greywater, rotating display/kiosk with information

Improve/increase maintenance of native planting areas

Keep water on site; use of rain gardens

Install greywater systems – possibly in front bathroom that gets used by many people

While we already offset all of our energy use, we could improve by not using any natural gas by installing more solar panels

Look into providing more charging stations

Show off green building materials through a display

Improve perviousness of parking surfaces

No fountains

Other comments:

There were comments about the naming right for the buildings being switched so people could sell things in the community hall

Town Center Master Plan Placeworks Engagement Tool Results

Engagement period: August 22 – September 20, 2016

Stats According to Google Analytics:

- **670 sessions** – The total number of sessions within the date range. A session is the period time a user is actively engaged with your website. All usage data (screen views etc.) is associated with a session. If a user is inactive for more than 30 minutes and returns to the page, a new session begins.
- **2,675 page views** - The total number of pages viewed. Repeated views of a single page are counted.
- **3.99 pages/session** - The average number of pages viewed during a session. Repeated views of a single page are counted.

Responses According to Topic:

Participants were able to provide feedback on 2 topics

1. *“What Do You Like at the Town Center?”* Where users could click the buttons of the amenities they like/use; and
2. *“Share Your Ideas for the Future of the Town Center”* a set of 4 open-ended questions.

Note: In accordance with TCMPC instruction, the tool does not include a mechanism to determine whether users are residents and non-residents.

What Do You Like at the Town Center?


95 participants

The data from this topic has been easily quantified according to number of clicks for each option.














Portola Valley Town Center Master Plan Welcome, Adrienne [Sign Out](#)

What Do You Like at the Town Center?

As you've seen in the map, a diversity of services and amenities have created a sense of place at the Town Center for the community to enjoy. Tell us which are your favorites!



Select the aspects of Town Center that are important to you. If we missed one, add it in the comments!

 Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.)	 Historic Schoolhouse	 Horseshoe Pit	 Little People's Park
 Overall focus on sustainability	 Performance Lawn	 Picnic Spaces	 Sausal Creek
 Sports Facilities	 The Library	 Thursday Farmers' Market	 Town Center architecture
 Town Government			

Votes

The Library	80
Thursday Farmers' Market	59
Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.)	57
Town Center architecture	56
Sports Facilities	51
Performance Lawn	49
Sausal Creek	48
Historic Schoolhouse	47
Town Government	47
Overall focus on sustainability	46
Little People's Park	45
Picnic Spaces	44
Horseshoe Pit	10

Share Your Ideas for the Future of the Town Center: 141 participants

Due to the open-ended nature of the questions in this topic, results are widely dispersed among many categories and subcategories. In order to provide a more high-level summary, 7 key themes have been extracted from the data with the number of associated responses.

Share your ideas for the future of Town Center

This is your opportunity to join the Town Center placemaking process. Share your best ideas to help shape the Town Center Master Plan!



Please leave a comment:

1. What are your priorities for planning the future of the Town Center?

2. What would you like to see at the Town Center that doesn't already exist? You might think of new amenities, alternative uses for amenities already in place, or different programming.

3. Where should the Town Center Master Plan Committee look for inspiration? Tell us about other places you like to visit and what makes them successful.

4. If you like the Town Center just as it is, we would like to hear why. Share as much detail as possible.

1. **Sausal Creek**
 - a. Daylight - **26**
 - b. Do not daylight – **34**
2. **Library**
 - a. Like it as is - **34**
 - b. Expand/enhance it – **13**
3. Build/designate space for a **Dog Park** – **30**
4. Keep the **Town Center** exactly as it is, no changes – **21**
5. Build a **Café/Coffee Shop** – **13**
6. Expand the **Sports and Recreational Facilities** (note: many additional comments on increasing maintenance, adding more seating and shade) – **4**
7. Miscellaneous – Includes mentions of:
 - a. improving events parking (**10**)
 - b. offering more picnic spaces/tables(**5**)
 - c. increasing trail connectivity (**5**)
 - d. building a swimming pool (**4**)
 - e. expanding the Community Hall (**3**)
 - f. installing a pump track (biking) (**3**)

Published Date	Share Your Ideas
2016-09-22 06:42:31.210 274+00:00	3: 2: I would like to have a dog dog park in PV. It would be great if the town would open the Town Center fields for dogs and owners for at least certain times of the day. Then the dogs could socialize and they become good canine citizens of PV! 1: 4:
2016-09-21 15:10:59.700 191+00:00	3: 2: 1: How many Portola Valley residents play softball, I would suggest between 160 and 180 people. I would not like the fields to get smaller because you are going to open a creek. 4:
2016-09-16 20:06:41.810 592+00:00	3: see note above need more benches 2: dog park, see notes earlier, small one like one at san antonion and elcamino behind shopping center, clean, fenced, nice area not only for dogs but for residents to chat rather than so much open space of drainage 1: 4:
2016-09-16 00:03:52.264 793+00:00	3: NA 2: NA 1: Daylighting the creek! Restoring the natural creek is my priority! 4: It just feels natural and part of the PV ethos.
2016-09-16 17:33:21.821 244+00:00	3: 2: 1: Leave as is. It is very nice 4:
2016-09-10 15:23:39.597 892+00:00	3: 2: A dog park. We need a fenced-in area where dog owners can bring their dogs to play. This not only helps the dogs and their families, it makes for more socialized, friendly, and well-behaved dogs (and sometimes, owners too!). This is a real need! 1: Keep the focus on blending in to the environment. Open the rest of the creek. DOG PARK! 4: I love the Redwood Grove! I think we should make sure to keep those trees happy, even during the drought.

<p>2016-09-16 17:35:57.469 335+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: It would be nice to see more classes at the town center for children and adults. This might mean more amenities (classroom space). 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-16 17:42:43.993 129+00:00</p>	<p>3: Stanford seminars (health, engineering, art), MakerFaire, TechShop, ACM seminars. 2: The addition of a room as a maker space would be interesting, with capabilities of a 3D printer, woodshop, and electronics (Raspberry Pi, Arduino, robotics, etc.). In combination with a talk/seminar, this could be quite community-building. 1: A community space for sharing and learning new skills 4: The library is wonderful. It would be even better if it was open on Sundays as well.</p>
<p>2016-09-16 20:13:54.970 049+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: sustainability 4: We like it as it is - people actually come to PV to escape from their hectic schedules, escape from traffic and noise (as long as the airplanes abide by the required altitude) , escape from too many organized events....PV is the place where people come to relax, to engage in physical activity, to socialize with others, to spend family time.....People come to PV to enjoy our open space, to explore our trails, to use our tennis courts, our soccer field, our baseball field, our toddler parkPlease love our bike paths....Please do not change it, but maintain it. It is just perfect!</p>

<p>2016-09-09 23:12:15.326 577+00:00</p>	<p>3: Other Towns that have community halls, allow their community to use them. You can find that inspiration in almost every town except Portola Valley. To be unable to host events/parties without large fees and attachment to a non-profit is not egalitarian, smacks of exclusivity and is unfair to those on more restricted incomes. The building is there, let it be used.</p> <p>2: Completing the daylighting of Sausal Creek; installing a post office and coffee shop next to the Sheriffs offices; and a designated dog park. Would also like to see more varied and cheaper classes for teenagers and adults at Town Center (toddler to elementary school already over-compensated) with 'drop in' possibility for fitness classes. Again, would like Town to find a way to allow the residents to use the MUR as a real community room more often. Current rules limiting and pedantic.</p> <p>1: Opening the rest of Sausal Creek; working out safer overflow parking for Town events; finding a way to ensure that the MUR can be used by the PV residents for more entertainment events that are not linked to local non-profits. Current rules for the MUR are highly restrictive and bureaucratic.</p> <p>4: Like most of the Town Center as it is, but feel that there are so much more sporting activities encouraged with the land use, rather than cultural/intellectual ones. Cultural Arts and the library obviously tries to fill this void where and when they can, but maybe more financial support from the Town/sponsorship of teenage to senior events would help those over the age of 13 feel less ostracized and neglected. Find it frankly ridiculous that the MUR can only be booked by local committees and non-profits. How about giving out a number of dates for different groups to use the facilities without huge fees and donations? Current MUR regulations rule out art exhibitions, book fairs, Town wide music/entertainment nights with food and bar, craft exhibits, shows. Too narrow minded. Live a little? Enjoy the library, creek, Farmer's Market and the sadly few community events such as the outdoor concerts, town picnic and speaker series, but have no interest in more sporting facilities. Living where we do, why on earth would anyone want more delineated sporting structures/areas?</p>
<p>2016-09-10 00:34:54.731 226+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I'd love to see a fully fenced in dog park. Ideas expressed by others for a cafe/bakery/coffee place are also nice ... hadn't thought of that myself. :)</p> <p>1: 4:</p>

<p>2016-09-10 16:22:34.981 038+00:00</p>	<p>3: Do NOT put in a dog park. I'm a dog owner, and the concept is nice, but am concerned it will bring more people to town to use the park, especially dog walkers who already come with packs of dogs and walk the trails. Right now, residents know they can meet on the field to have dogs play / socialize but if word gets out we have a dog park it will be very different. Town center should be for residents, most of who have large yards for their dogs to run, not for visitors. For example, many in town love to bike, but people come from all over to bike here causing congestion, anger among local drivers, etc. Please don't bring more "traffic" to town.</p> <p>2: A trail that goes from CMS and ORM that is clearly marked and crosswalk at Grove that is crossable by small children. That crosswalk is now dangerous as cars do not stop. I agree with other comments that coffee or cafe would really bring people to town center.</p> <p>1: If you want kids to come freely to play and use the library, you need to have a safe route to CMS and ORM schools and safe crossings for weekend "travel" by foot and bike to and from town center.</p> <p>4:</p>
<p>2016-09-18 21:45:31.968 646+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2: I would like to see a nice Dog Park, (Open Space Spring Down field) maybe in order to keep its use to PV residents, a small annual fee could be charged for those wanting to use it with an entry gate using a fab key. Keys exist for (Woodside) horse trails, why not for a dog park? I would be happy to pay a small annual fee in order for our dog to socialize and romp, plus giving us, the owners, an opportunity to socialize.</p> <p>I would like to see more seating around the Town Center where people could come and sit and chat.</p> <p>The Windy Hill Trails Parking lot is often full, can we not have a trail head starting at the Town Center with another parking lot instead of hikers having to park along Portola Rd. which must be unpleasant for people living above all the cars.</p> <p>1:</p>
<p>2016-09-13 22:53:27.050 085+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2: It would be fantastic to see a cafe at Town Center. It would be an informal meeting spot and add greatly to the sense of community. I'm imagining something like Coupa Cafe or Cafe Borrone - coffee, beer and wine, a mix of food items at affordable price points, casual so it is family-friendly.</p> <p>Community events are fantastic - the town picnic, summer concerts, and flight night stand out in particular for a family with three young kids. It would be nice to see more programming around holidays - 4th of July as an example - so that PV residents could stay local vs. going to other communities to celebrate.</p> <p>1:</p> <p>4:</p>

<p>2016-09-10 03:57:58.602 857+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Maybe more gatherings for adults. Art classes for adults. Art experiences for adults. Craft events for adults. Open up more of the creek. More teen gatherings. A dog park. Fun bingo nights. Bingo can be funny and entertaining. 1: Continuing the variety of activities that go on there. Gatherings like the picnic, classes like yoga, garden club, the farmer's market, voting at the Little Red School House, the creek where kids play, events like Earth Day and science days/nights. The resources of the library and the events they put on. 4: I do love it as it is. I tried to indicate events I like above in 1.</p>
<p>2016-09-16 19:57:08.479 610+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: 4: I like that we can use the open space for our dogs. My experience is we all clean up after our dogs and help each other spot the "deposits" Let's leave the casual approach that seems to work for so many of us alone.</p>
<p>2016-09-16 20:35:55.095 626+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: I am in favor of daylighting the rest of the creek. You have an opportunity to add to one of your best landscaping features and it natural which is also a plus. 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-10 04:00:38.179 487+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: No more structures please. The one thing that is still unfinished business is daylighting the rest of the creek. As major funders of the first section of daylighting we would love to see it all see the light of day ;)! 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-20 23:51:40.060 199+00:00</p>	<p>3: France - I think the French create community through the numerous fetes and gatherings that take place each year in towns throughout France - there is always something going on with fairy lights lighting the grass areas and tressle tables filled with food and wine and seating - it's like the farmers market with wine, music and dancing! 2: Cafe, coffee bar, bar - outdoor seating - places to meet and talk 1: Social - I think the town needs more gathering places - a cafe, a coffee bar, bar - outdoor seating area - more opportunities to stay in touch with acquaintances can increase the chance of friendships and improve the sense of community. 4: It is already a beautiful center, you did a great job! It has space and activities for all ages.</p>

<p>2016-08-30 15:49:41.579 340+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Affordable housing. We should restructure the corporation yard and Sheriff's Office area to provide at least two affordable housing units. 1: Programs and activities for ALL age groups. More choices for senior adults. This article is informative and worthy of your consideration: http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/04/opinion/sunday/youre-how-old-well-be-in-touch.html?_r=0 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-21 00:21:23.410 791+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I'm pleased with what exists already. The one thing that I'd like to see significantly expanded is the demonstration garden. I'd like to see a range of ecosystems. I'd also like to see examples of low water irrigation techniques (smart irrigation controllers, advanced sprinkler nozzles and drip systems, perhaps graywater reuse, etc.). And it all needs to be maintained very well and documented well. The point would be so that residents would have good local examples that they could see for local native plants with water-efficient irrigation techniques. 1: The current town center is really nice. I'd like any changes to be modest evolution rather than any big revolution. For long term future planning, I'd like the town to make sure that there won't ever be any significant building on the land behind the town center site. 4: It is a great gathering space for town events. I know that parking can be a little challenging at times, but its nice to not have too much of the land paved over. The current approach of using overflow parking at the church next door seems like a perfect compromise to me.</p>
<p>2016-08-21 02:08:29.986 989+00:00</p>	<p>3: every town seems to have a successfully run dog park with the exception of Woodside and PV 2: a safe dog park 1: a safe dog park 4: Town center is beautiful and well maintained, but a dog park would make it perfect</p>
<p>2016-08-21 22:15:52.715 940+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: No thoughts 1: Keep it simple, and don't spend too much money 4: I'm quite happy with the town center, and give thumbs up to the people who, 15 years ago, had a vision for what it could be. I'm skeptical of this new process... who decided we needed to plan the next generation, and why are we opening this issue up? I'm glad the town center is useful for the things it's being used for now, and I don't see a need to spend time and money making it something else.</p>

<p>2016-08-22 04:18:49.478 508+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I think the summer music events are wonderful and it would be nice to see more of these. And it could be a variety of musical events, classical, jazz, acoustic? 1: Keep it beautiful, simple, and wonderfully open as it is. No more paving or buildings, we have enough of that on the Peninsula. PV really is a sacred oasis and I believe we must honor and maintain its wild, natural aesthetic. So grateful for how it already looks!!! It was so well thought out by the founding residents. Well done and let's honor what makes PV so beautiful, its simple, organic, non-manicured, splendor. 4: I said this above, so here is a repeat of that...Keep it beautiful, simple, and wonderfully open as it is. No more paving or buildings, we have enough of that on the Peninsula. PV really is a sacred oasis and I believe we must honor and maintain its wild, natural aesthetic. So grateful for how it already looks!!! It was so well thought out by the founding residents. Let's honor this legacy and what makes PV so beautiful -- its simple, organic, non-manicured, splendor.</p>
<p>2016-08-22 18:44:14.511 896+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: a fenced dog park 1: a fenced dog park 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-22 22:07:22.306 982+00:00</p>	<p>3: santa clara and santa cruz seem to be getting it right. look at their plans for an outdoor sports park planned in the south hills area of santa clara and velocity bike park in felton. http://www.svmtb.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/IMBA-BIKE-PART-IMAGES3.jpg http://www.svmtb.org/2015/05/break-news-svmtb-has-received-a-15000-grant-from-rei/ http://santacruz.hilltromper.com/article/felton-bike-park-update 2: bicycle pump track on springdown property. 1: bicycle pump track, creek daylighting. 4:</p>

<p>2016-08-22 23:43:48.141 003+00:00</p>	<p>3: Truckee has a great pump track 2: 1. bicycle pump track 2. dedicated field for dogs that's always available.</p> <p>1: 1. Family friendly 2. Dog friendly 3. Blends in with surrounding nature 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-23 03:34:33.851 211+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-27 14:50:03.674 251+00:00</p>	<p>3: No suggestion for this, town center is great in being uniquely amazing 2: A cafe, like a Starbucks or something where people could grab a bite to eat. Even a full service restaurant would be lovely, and people could eat out on the grassy fields. 1: Maintain its natural beauty, and more or less keep it the same 4: Love the big open fields, the many events and town picnics, and the overall sense of community</p>
<p>2016-08-27 22:07:08.672 345+00:00</p>	<p>3: We love Ladera Rec as well as Menlo Park's Burgess Center - picnic area, library, pool, sport facilities, etc. - though we recognize that Menlo Park is a larger community. 2: A town pool would be amazing (we use Ladera Rec), a climbing wall, a farmer's market that stays open till 6:30 or 7. Important to connect with others' plans - what is Windmill planning, Alpine Hills, etc. 1: Usable, friendly, accessible community space with great programming that still preserves the nature and rural environment of PV. 4: Love the groves, lawns and open spaces and the little people's park. Library is fabulous. Community buildings are great but seem underutilized and classes there are quite expensive (apparently because of the fees charged by the town center).</p>
<p>2016-09-07 21:57:03.878 306+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Would be great to find ways to lower the high costs of the classes in TC, and have additional offerings evenings/weekends. 1: Please keep Town Center as natural as possible with no additional buildings, commercial enterprises (e.g. chain stores such as Starbucks, restaurants, cafes) or pavement. There are plenty of those things in surrounding towns and lovely to come to PV to get away from those things and enjoy natural setting, beautiful views, and open space. 4: Privilege to live here in PV and to have a natural open area to play in, beautiful library with great staff, activities and resources and playing fields/play structures.</p>

<p>2016-09-11 16:26:35.201 878+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: To quietly blend into the surrounding natural environment. 4: I like it the way it is because it answers all needs: library, offices, playgrounds, meeting rooms, walking trail, and blends with surroundings. We are a small town; keep the Town Center small!!</p>
<p>2016-09-07 23:16:04.690 902+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: A dog park is essential. Currently, the soccer field is used, illegally, as a dog park. Why not enclose it and make it legal to allow dogs to be off-leash there during certain hours (as is the case at Burgess Park in Menlo Park). Alternatively, an area near Portola Road on the Springdown property could become a dog park. With the number of dogs in this town, it would certainly serve many of our residents to have a local, LEGAL, dog park. 1: Leave the Springdown property mostly alone - perhaps add a few picnic tables and benches. DO NOT open the creek further. The current "creek" is, at most, a rivulet and opening it further would serve no purpose nor fill any "need" for the citizens of the town. Also, further opening of the creek would require relocation of the baseball field - both expensive and disruptive to those who use the ball field. 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-08 02:22:22.907 533+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I know the Library has been more crowded at times; it would be great to find ways to alleviate that. I know there is consideration of daylighting the rest of Sausal Creek; I support that idea if it can be done without compromising the highly popular playing fields. 1: Maintaining the current variety of uses, while considering new features and added capacity. The TC has been, in many ways, a victim of its own success--some of the problems we face now result from the popularity of the site. 4:</p>

<p>2016-09-12 15:34:36.332 682+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1. A dog area where dogs can be off leash. There are many dogs in the community and the center does not currently accommodate them well. 2. A pool. Having a town pool would be a great addition. 3. BBQ areas. This would be great for warm summer nights. And could be reserved year round (including during summer concerts, and other town events). 4. Bocce ball. This is a great, relaxing, community friendly activity. 5. A "Community Director". This would be a person responsible for building community within Portola Valley. This could be done by organizing "chess in the park" ... We have plenty of picnic tables; a summer tennis tournament ... If we are going to use all that space for the courts, let's get some use out of them; field games; BBQs; let the creativity flow. 1: The town has done a great job of making this a friendly space. It is a pleasure to come to, beautiful from the road ... A true asset for our community. Let's keep the native plantings, rustic-yet modern building feel, winding pathways, etc. 4: I like a lot about the town center. Lead certification. The library. The baseball diamond, little people park, soccer field, plantings, picnic tables, parking, farmer's market, summer concerts, etc.</p>
<p>2016-08-23 04:08:36.602 204+00:00</p>	<p>3: Inspiration? Listen to those who have, along ago, thrown up their hands and given up. 2: 1. Three dedicated tennis courts. Having only two tennis courts limits the enjoyment of tennis players as a community and what they can do as a group. The baseball people are able to come together and enjoy the Town Center, the soccer people are able to come together and enjoy the Town Center, even the "unofficial" dog park people are able to come together. By taking a tennis court away from players, and leaving them only two, they are not able to enjoy the tennis courts as a group. They need three courts to do so. 2. Need a dedicated basketball court. The current, so called, basketball court is part basketball court, part skate ramp, part wasted space. 3. Need a dedicated dog park. What is that lawn area used for, other than a dog park in the mornings? That area is large enough to be turned into an official dog park AND an official basketball court. 1: To finally address the needs of EVERYBODY. Many people got a raw deal when the Town Center campus was re-designed. Each time we drive by the Town Center and look at the creek area, all we see are tall weeds, not a creek. We see a patch of expensive weeds (in the millions), of which the square footage of same, could have and should have been used as way to give back what was taken away. 4:</p>

<p>2016-08-23 04:31:57.040 950+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I really like it just as it is. The concerts are wonderful, the Town picnic is wonderful. Please do NOT add any more hardscaping, buildings, or take over the lawn area. We do not need to use every square foot of space in some kind demonstrably educational way. Let people see the benefit of laying in the grass and looking at the sky. Relaxing with a book in the sunshine. Enjoying the peace that comes with greenery and quiet. 1: Leave open space for play and restful relaxation. Avoid adding dog parks, sports facilities, or any other crowd-and-noise attracting amenities. Be true to the original vision of Portola Valley: rural and quiet. We've already lost so much. 4: Portola Valley is losing its rural quality as we pack more and more people in, and as the jet overflights increase the noise level. We need to maximize our open space and leave as much alone as possible, I think. They did an absolutely beautiful job with the Town Center. Now let's just be happy about it, and if we feel the need to spend money, spend it on other things (after upkeep and so forth of the Town Center.)</p>
<p>2016-08-27 20:50:57.239 915+00:00</p>	<p>3: We should be continue to stay informed on the build environment. What are new inspirations in Town Center design and planning. Sustainability and the environment should be a key driver in our planning process. 2: A town vegetable garden in the Spring Down property would be a nice amenity. Residents could rent a plot each year to grow their own vegetables. 1: We have a beautiful Town Center that is serving the community well. The focus should be on maintaining it at a high level. 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-23 17:05:25.355 838+00:00</p>	<p>3: I don't have specific suggestions other than to get beyond raptured navel-gazing. 2: I would like to see some acknowledgment that this is a highly privileged community in an area that has great extremes between rich and poor. 1: Leaving well enough alone. 4: The current Town Center complex is a beautiful facility that is about 150% of what the town needs. It exudes a sense of wealth and unironic self-satisfaction that is very much PV. The fact that much of it was privately funded is what keeps it from being genuinely embarrassing. It is amazing to me that we would consider further gilding this lily. If there is in fact money sloshing around waiting for a use, I would support any of the following before spending more on the Town Center: (i) affordable multifamily housing; (ii) trail improvements, utility undergrounding or other projects that would improve the physical environment of the Town; (iii) designating a sister town somewhere else in San Mateo County and supporting their efforts to build themselves a decent town center; (iv) if all else fails give the money back to the taxpayers.</p>

<p>2016-08-28 00:02:15.442 476+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Trail head which connects to the open space, and some agreement with the owners of the road/property to the west to use the road for hiking/biking with a paved road. Access to the small railroad above? 1: I like the TC. Open, simple. What we need to do is clean up the east side of Portola road from all those old dump buildings which detract from PV and just look like clutter. Make a real town center with character and unity of design, even if it is simple. 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-06 13:21:18.075 274+00:00</p>	<p>3: I returned from Europe and they seem to do really understand the combination of public spaces, food, small businesses, outdoor cafes, farmer's markets, and shaded outdoor places to sit. I was in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and Bellagio Italy, and the spaces were so pleasant - you didn't need a reason to go with a book and hang out in the square. I was meeting a friend who ran 40 minutes late and it didn't matter. 2: Cafes, brunch places, restaurants, bookstore, fruit stalls. 1: Diverse activities, a place to spend time and meet up with other PV people. Would like a place that would be a natural place to go if you are meeting with some friends over coffee or brunch. 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-23 22:35:49.560 199+00:00</p>	<p>3: Many places outside the US, Reykjavik, Amsterdam, Copenhagen. Also Portland. 2: See my previous comments. "It would be great to have more native flowering plants distributed and placards about the species names and natural uses. This may be asking too much but having a place for children to fish locally and safely would be a great use. The amount/size of holding water needed wouldn't need to be large. Just enough for children to experience the natural cycles of water and the life held within beyond a creek that dries up. This wouldn't be hard to do. Providing better and more inviting access to the Redwood circle behind the main building would be nice and a relief for parents who need to be able to see a child in the distance while at the picnic area for example. More play area built into the hard surfaces at the town buildings to encourage uses by children or adults. A path leading into the meadows/orchards behind the main buildings to allow safe and inviting exploring into those areas could also be useful. Bird habitats distributed around to show and provide refuge for the various birds of prey and birds around PV." 1: further enrich the experiences possible. Minimizing maintenance and provide classes/learning opportunity. 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-24 05:28:38.147 255+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: Skate Ramp currently essentially ruins half the basketball court. Turning the ramp 90 degrees and putting up against the fence between the two 8 foot hoops would allow for both skating and basketball 4:</p>

<p>2016-08-24 06:46:55.442 374+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Cistern for rainwater catchment. Greywater usage. Work can spill outdoors from the library - would be nice to have something similar for town hall -an outdoor work patio. Shades for the community hall so it can be used for presentations and movies in the daylight. Cooking classes in the kitchen. 1: Don't overbuild it. More sustainable features that were not priorities when the rebuild happened. 4: It is terrific now. Esthetic, natural, low key. Lovely view of the hills. Indoor outdoor quality of buildings especially the library. A gathering place for many various groups - builds community.</p>
<p>2016-08-25 18:32:32.736 293+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I like the idea of opening more of the creek, but would not wish to see this have an impact on facilities already in place and well used. 1: Maintain the open spaces and sport facilities that residents can and do all use. 4: Town Center is wonderful as it is. It has become a meeting place, a place to hold all manner of events for different groups both indoors and out. This is its great success.</p>
<p>2016-08-27 04:59:03.776 757+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: Keep and maintain the native plantings. 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-28 17:23:24.138 811+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: a sand volleyball court 1: 4: It's crazy that the town management wants a master plan for the center that is wonderful the way it is but does very little (unless really pressed) about the bigger issues in our town. Being proactive about the town center is a nice idea but don't neglect the real issues. Noise, traffic, crime, for example. We now have people renting out their houses to startups that increase the traffic in our small neighborhood. No restrictions there??? We have more AirBNB type situations occurring with no Laws/rules. For example, how many days a year can someone rent out their spaces? How close to a neighbors house is it appropriate to have an AirBNB type biz? Should a taller fence be created to give the neighbor more privacy and security? The center is wonderful! Keep it simple and look at fixing what needs to be fixed. Construction work happening afterhours, dangerous driving, everywhere. People parking RV's on the street. Drones flying in backyards. Please spend more time on real issues. Thanks!</p>
<p>2016-08-28 18:34:07.905 820+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: services for young and old 4:</p>

<p>2016-08-30 01:07:45.688 091+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Off leash dog play area. Increase evening adult Fitness and Dance classes. Bocce courts (bring your own bocce balls). Increase evening guest lecture events. Covered picnicking areas outside of toddler playground area. Food trucks and live music on Farmer's Market days are great idea but food lines very long- increase number of food trucks/event? 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-30 01:52:05.257 370+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: It seems like a lovely place as it is and needs to be well maintained. Anything that can be done to make meeting rooms available to residents without costing an arm and a leg would be good. 1: It would be nice if the library were expanded to include work spaces for people over the age of 18. For an example, visit the San Jose City Library, East San Jose Carnegie Branch Library, which has two excellent work spaces for adults. As it is, at PV Library, there is nowhere for grown ups to get away from the distraction of pre-school programs or after school kids, and it can get very noisy and raucous with lots of energetic kids in there. 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-30 21:46:25.312 869+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: A coffee shop/cafe for food and drinks, both to dine in (casual) and take to go and eat at the picnic space or lawns. 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-08-30 23:46:00.118 989+00:00</p>	<p>3: Calafia- good food, not terribly expensive, works well for families and general population Blue Bottle on University- love the beautiful outdoor space, like the idea that you can do work or have meetings on the patio, great way to bring neighbors together Atlas Cafe- San Francisco, patio is small but great with fun food and a good vibe Wreckingball Coffee- San Francisco, truly great coffee and beautiful space (no outside space) 2: I don't think we have a great cafe with nice outdoor seating. Would be great to gather people at the town center. Maybe a place to work, meet people, and eat great food. Our restaurant options in the area generally aren't really fresh great food. It doesn't have to be expensive, just good quality. We could really use a good coffee place! 1: see cafe idea below. 4: Love the library and Painted Rhino (although it's a bit pricey). We love the park and the farmers markets too.</p>

<p>2016-08-31 17:04:28.577 901+00:00</p>	<p>3: Sorry, no ideas. 2: None. 1: Continue to find an effective balance between making it a very functional facility for all kinds of activities and retaining its rural ambiance. 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-02 04:15:05.050 076+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: 4: I think it is great. Love the whole environment.</p>
<p>2016-09-03 16:24:57.785 280+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Maybe a little mountain bike track in the Spring Down Open Space Preserve like this one: http://reviews.mtbr.com/san-diego-trail-builder-elevates-pump-tracks-to-an-art-form Also open up the creek in Spring Down? 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-09 18:40:32.534 985+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I would like to see another soccer field at Spring Down. I would recommend raising funds to reimburse the Open Space Fund so that the field can be developed and taken out of Open Space. The location does not really meet any requirements for "open space". It's right next to the road and has no remarkable native or natural terrain that needs to be preserved. Indeed the dumping of thousands of yards of dirt from the Town center renovations eliminated any original "native" terrain not that there was any to begin with. The main thing the location has is the vista of the mountains that would still be preserved with a soccer field. A soccer field would provide additional needed recreational resources to Town families and be utilized much more than a weed infested field. 1: Parking is at its max during events. It serves the communities needs. No major changes are required. If money becomes available, opening the rest of the creek might be nice. See my note below about Spring Down and a new soccer field. 4: I like the open creek. There doesn't seem to be much that can be changed or added to the main Town center site. It's adequate but in my feeling rather under utilized except for a few events when the site is maxed out.</p>

<p>2016-09-09 18:42:10.284 141+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Open up the creek all the way. More parking 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-09 18:42:23.043 647+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: Communal place which provides for the different age groups and multifaceted events from sports to concerts. I actually like the way it is currently. 4: I actually LOVE the way it is. We use the playground, the library, the classrooms, watch sports, and love to shop at the farmer's market. I don't think much needs to change, frankly.</p>
<p>2016-09-11 21:45:35.234 547+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Dog park. 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-09 18:51:19.296 612+00:00</p>	<p>3: I'd visit some bay area tech companies campus' like Facebook, Google and such. To see how next-gen environments are being designed to bring people together. 2: I'd like to see us embrace some of the national pastimes and national recognized holidays like 4th of July, Christmas/Holiday Tree lighting, and other fun events that bring the community together in spirit. 1: I think our town center has one of the most pristine areas of the town with the fields and openness and the hills and flat area. Lets figure out a way to embrace that more in the design...trails, picnic areas, etc... that bring us on the journey from the building design to the wilderness and then back to the design. 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-15 05:32:31.346 441+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: see #1 above 1: Either set aside an area for dog leash free play or establish times that dogs can play on the fields when events are not happening. (And publish the schedule for residents to see when they can come.) Even if it is limited hours, as long as the hours fit for folks who want to have their dog play after work. For example: the field is open from 5-7 (or 4-6 in the winter) for dog play as long as the field isn't reserved for something else. 4:</p>

<p>2016-09-09 19:05:28.408 360+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Designated parking places for staff (library and town). Sometimes I come to work and there's no place to park. 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-16 17:59:39.940 924+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: A simple cafe with outdoor seating would be a wonderful addition. Portola Valley has a shortage of such gathering places, which are a great place to meet or just bump into friends. 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-09 20:35:53.708 179+00:00</p>	<p>3: Mill Valley Ca. has a community plaza where kids and locals meet and talk and play chess. It is surrounded by the downtown where there are shops and places to eat and get something to drink. The piece that is missing for Portola Valley is food and something to drink which encourages gathering. 2: A place for everyone to gather and socialize, including an indoor area or umbrellas (during rain) and an outdoor area. Envision a piazza or town square. It would include a small kitchen to make coffee or tea and a refrigerator for food, so that people could bring food to eat or to share. There would be rules about keeping the kitchen and entire area clean (maybe a sign up sheet for cleanup). The hours could be determined. It would be enough out of the way so that other events would not be interrupted as people gathered and talked. There might be a small area for kids to play (toys and books). There could be a volunteer list that would offer rides for people who are disabled or elderly (not able to drive) and find it hard to get out. It could be incorporated into the existing plans. It would not be a place to hold a party but rather a place for people to gather from the community and meet friends and neighbors. Portola Valley is a place where homes are often far apart. In this day and age people rarely knock on neighbors doors just to say hi and chat for a bit. P.V. can be an isolating place for some people. Ideally a gathering place would include a place to sit and something to drink and eat (there could be a company that brings in healthy ready made food). Or people bring their own food and drinks. 1: A place to meet and socialize. 4:</p>

<p>2016-09-10 05:12:51.778 864+00:00</p>	<p>3: The Jewish Community Center on San Antonio has a lot going on all the time as well as lots of sports/athletics and cultural programs. For classes to take, I look at Palo Alto Adult School, Palo Alto Rec and Menlo Park Rec. In fact, if I'm not able to age in place in PV, then my desire is to move close to a commercial area of Palo Alto. I also really enjoy having a place to sit where I can't buy a good cup of coffee. Why don't you guys look to Starbucks for inspiration?</p> <p>2: I think the Sausal Creek opening is an eyesore. It is also so overgrown, that if the drought ends, that creek will not drain properly. We could have used that space for fields and recreation, and instead wasted it for a "sustainable" eyesore and a facility where the areas closest to the street look like they are overgrown with weeds. I also believe we are very backward to insist on grass playing fields when artificial turf would provide much more recreation.</p> <p>Another issue is that I noticed the Town Picnic has declined in participation the last few years. In fact, there seem to be fewer and fewer events where town residents come out and participate. If we want to have a spirit of community, we need to get together more often!</p> <p>Finally, it would be nice if the Town Center supported activities for seniors, or maybe just set up a working relationship with Sequoias. They have a lot of things going on, but it's mostly restricted to residents. But maybe they should be persuaded to be the senior center for the town, not just for their private population. I plan to age in place here in PV, and it bothers me that I have to go to neighboring communities to get services and programs, even though we have a large and successful CCRC in the middle of town.</p> <p>I guess the problem is the Town Center is too small. There isn't enough space to support a good rec or cultural program. So there's no reason to go to the TC except to go to the Library. The Library is great, although the book selection is largely outdated. If we have any chance of using some of the land around Spring Down, we should build more facilities. Otherwise, we just can't build a critical mass of activity that would make the TC a true center for the residents. Also, not allowing any food service on site because of honoring Bill Lane's wishes is a barrier to visiting the TC. That policy should be rescinded.</p> <p>1: There is not enough space for young adult and adult recreation. The baseball field is too small for adults. The soccer field is too small for adults and U16-U19 games. There needs to be a better system for renting/using space too.</p> <p>4:</p>
<p>2016-09-16 17:24:12.697 368+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2: My kids would love a designated skateboard/scooter area. It doesn't have to be too large, just well thought out. See Russin River Skate Park in Monte Rio.</p> <p>1: I like the quaint, natural and community feel to our TC. I especially enjoy using our tennis courts and seeing my kids play in the Redwood groves. I feel safe allowing all 3 of my kids to wander TC with their friends and appreciate that there aren't too many "strange strangers."</p> <p>4:</p>

<p>2016-08-22 22:11:09.808 989+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: This is a long shot but is there any chance for a community pool? It's really too bad that Alpine and Ladera have the market cornered and not all can participate without paying such a large fee. 1: Keeping the soccer and baseball fields, absolutely love the library. Hate to see either of those disappear. 4: Please do not allow any businesses (like a coffee shop, as other have suggested) to set up shop. That would severely take away from the peacefulness and tranquility of the site.</p>
<p>2016-09-17 23:46:47.049 422+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: Use of the playground and fields (soccer and softball) 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-09 21:40:38.520 431+00:00</p>	<p>3: The most successful public spaces/facilities are ones that: -Have a broad appeal, with overlapping demographics -Allow multiple different uses, including overlapping uses (picnic area becomes a concert area; open space has hiking/biking/equestrian trails; parking lot has Farmer's Market; library has community meetings) -Are welcoming/easy to access -Allow for public creativity of use (concerts, workout classes, meetings, field use, etc.) 2: -Easement purchases or term licenses with adjacent propertyowners to allow hike/bike/equestrian trail connection between Town Center and Windy Hill via inboard route, instead of along the road. 1: -Prioritizing uses that will reach broader community demographics, rather than a specialized subset. Consistent with this: library, performance lawn, playground, picnic areas, hiking and biking paths, and the Farmer's Market. -Encouraging such uses. 4: I will focus on two unexpected successes, which may inform ideas being considered. A. Farmer's Market/Food Trucks. This idea has become something that is likely on 75% of peoples' top 3 reasons they love the Town Center. Community, creativity, dynamic -- it's all there B. Daylighting of the Creek. Kids love this feature, rivaling the highly engineered Little People's Park. Not to mention it is a beautiful, natural feature. Does the entire Creek get daylighted now? I can't answer that, but the daring and controversial action of the Town Council proved to be a success.</p>
<p>2016-09-09 22:02:30.020 465+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Easements for more trail connections, for example to Windy Hill or towards Wayside Rd (not along Portola Road). 1: Creating a safe, accessible space for people of all ages to enjoy. Reflect the rural nature and beautiful, natural setting of PV. 4: My kids are growing up in PV. They loved the playground when they were toddlers (and still do), have now "graduated" to roaming the fields and creek searching for bugs and frogs, and will hopefully continue to find safe, wholesome activities in this great public space as they grow older.</p>

<p>2016-09-10 15:01:18.329 093+00:00</p>	<p>3: There is a great deal of space - Spring Down is now empty. Put in whatever amenities you want. But let the tennis be tennis. Inspiration? I was the best tennis player in the Bay Area for over 12 years - no one has ever called me for a single idea. Get in touch. Correctly handled tennis can be a huge benefit to the community. Right now, it is considered a problem.</p> <p>2: A maintenance plan for the tennis courts. Regular washing, net strap replacement, and net maintenance are just responsible management. A regularly court will last up the three times longer if regularly washed. Keep the non-tennis players off the courts. It is shocking to see people happily ruin a \$10,000 surface without a single thought. If an annual key fee helps, so be it. The current attention paid to the courts is negligent and irresponsible.</p> <p>1: The 3 tennis courts, that were part of the "old" Town Center, are to be correctly utilized. I believe that the three courts were part of a donation to the town. Now, there are effectively two courts. The sport court was to be convertible to tennis in the new utilization, a bad idea at best due to the hard work of putting up the net. The skate board ramp, dog walk, roller hockey, basketball, etc. are all impediments to the use of the courts.</p> <p>4:</p>
<p>2016-09-11 23:42:43.671 029+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2:</p> <p>1:</p> <p>4: It's just plain beautiful! And done so carefully to preserve the environment. I've never been in a town where one actually WANTS to go to the Town Center! I love the library, the outdoor ambience, the landscaping, the architecture and am especially appreciative of the hours and hours of dedicated work by our town officials and staff.</p>
<p>2016-09-13 20:32:01.348 287+00:00</p>	<p>3: Calif. Ave. farmers market is great. Can we expand our farmer's market?</p> <p>2: Daylight the remainder of Sausal Creek, invest more in the routine maintenance of the native plant areas. Create a new trail alignment directly from TC to Windy Hill (Spring Ridge trail connection).</p> <p>1: It works really well now. Make it easier for residents to use the classrooms and main hall, esp. for non-profit or government entities. It's a shame the basketball court is disabled by the skate ramp. Move the skate park feature off the court. Work with SMCo library to open the library earlier in the day. Great place to work but hate to wait until 11 to get started.</p> <p>4:</p>
<p>2016-09-15 19:45:14.341 147+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2:</p> <p>1: Please keep the tennis courts and beautiful grass.</p> <p>4:</p>

<p>2016-09-16 17:33:09.357 883+00:00</p>	<p>3: ?</p> <p>2: It seems to me we need more small classroom space. We don't have enough flexibility.....</p> <p>1: 1.library expansion (including more storage and book space) 2. creek daylighting, keeping the town center as natural as possible</p> <p>4: we are a small town, should keep our possibilities to a small town. I think Portola Valley, at this time is just about perfect; might need some tweaks, but I think our Town Center fits the needs of our population.</p>
<p>2016-09-10 23:30:38.864 815+00:00</p>	<p>3: Green loop on the Google campus provides a safe pedestrian and biking corridor that is flanked with native plants, bird safe bird baths and other features that provide habitat in an urban setting while allowing people to experience it on a regular basis. The Cal Academy of Sciences green roof that allows visitors to view the plants as well as the insects and birds that use it. It could have just been a flat roof, but the designers had a vision for how to create useful space for wildlife while also educating visitors about the importance of providing food and forage for the foundation of the food web - insects!</p> <p>2: I would support any efforts to increase habitat at the site through daylighting the creek and using more native plants where possible. I would also like to see more water conservation measures such as using the abandoned creek culvert as a cistern and having sinks go directly to the landscape (if possible). Events that bring together the community, e.g., library special events, musical events, farmer's market are great for bringing together people that might not always get the opportunity to interact. It would be wonderful to have trails that connected from town center to windy hill and beyond Christ Church other than the busy trail on the road.</p> <p>1: To continue to demonstrate our town values of conservation, community and volunteer government.</p> <p>4: I love seeing the kids all playing in the creek. I observe them there often - during farmer's market, to/from the library, when a sibling or parent is using the sports field. It is a little overloved though and it would be nice to see the rest of the creek daylighted as well as the vernal pool project at Springdown completed to provide a wonderful example of how to incorporate nature into our urban settings. Research compiled by the Stanford Woods Institute demonstrates that any time kids playing outdoors in unstructured play improves their well being, ability to pay attention in school and the all important test scores. It's so nice to have the typical sports facilities (soccer field, baseball field, tennis courts) alongside the more natural features (meadow, creek, redwood grove) in addition to the library, town hall and community hall. It really speaks to the values we all share.</p> <p>We've done a great job leveraging the volunteer power of our citizens most notably in town government, but also in projects such as daylighting the creek where hundreds of citizens volunteered to plant plants and maintain the creek. Let's do that again with the vernal pool project!</p>

<p>2016-09-20 20:36:00.907 399+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Our family would appreciate more shade at the playground and on the sidelines of the sports fields. Please maintain good surfaces on the fields (fix gopher holes, etc) so athletes don't get hurt. 1: Town Center should continue to be a gathering space for the community. The main focus should be a BALANCE between various recreational activities & natural habitat. PLEASE DO NOT daylight more of the creek. 4: We love the town center as is. It strikes a good balance of activities. Love the fields, playground, picnic areas, redwood groves, farmers market, library programs, concerts, and special events. Please do not make the athletic fields smaller. They are a key component of our children's exercise.</p>
<p>2016-09-18 23:07:30.474 230+00:00</p>	<p>3: Livermore has wonderful dog parks--very large, entirely fenced, and close enough to wild space that the terrain is interesting. Stulstaff Park in Redwood City has interesting terrain but is not well fenced. 2: Large fenced dog park (see previous comment) 1: I think much of Town Center has been very well planned with terrific buildings, and it is certainly important to continue to use the area for sports and children's recreation 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-09 19:49:51.165 616+00:00</p>	<p>3: I just returned from walking with my hounds on Eagle trail and I feel uplifted and restored. I think this element of peace and almost spritula presence could also be a component of the experience of town center. I think the committee should go stand by a creek, close their eyes and listen to the whir of life and the babble. 2: I think we need a little more parking, and we will probably need more plugs ins, I'd like to see greater use of the schoolhouse as I think it is underutilized. 1: Well first and foremost is freeing the rest of the creek. It was certainly the intention when we envisioned the fist section of it. The little piece that we do have is overused and overloved and we being lovers of nature and stewards of creeks in this town,I believe, have a responsibility to free the rest if the creek. This would lift the morale of all. The town center is such a peaceful, fun place and this old be the crowning glory. 4: AND I love it just as it is too, so I hope overtime that as I said earlier there won't be a lot of visual clutter. The buildings tucked under the western hills is quite an eloquent statement in and of itself.</p>
<p>2016-09-19 00:23:43.421 246+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: I know there is discussion of spending \$1M on the extension of the creek. Not only is this a very expensive endeavor, it also will diminish the present softball/baseball field so I am against extending the creek. We would also appreciate better care of the fields which are often riddled with gopher holes and pot holes where an injury could take place. Appreciate any care that could be directed here. 4:</p>

<p>2016-09-16 05:27:22.873 583+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: I am troubled by the suggestion of some respondents here that the remainder of our seasonal creek, now confined to a culvert, should be opened up across the area now occupied by the soccer field, the softball field and the central pathway of the campus. This would dramatically alter the character of the Town Center, disrupting the flow of visitors back and forth across the campus and creating enormous impediments to community activities, including ball games, kids on scooters, the annual picnic, birthday parties, and parents with strollers. No compelling argument has been offered to justify the dramatic shock to the character of the campus from opening up the creek. Long range forecasts of dry conditions mean that in coming years the creek is likely to be devoid of water and unsightly for much of the summer and fall. The creek's environmental value is very modest relative to the Town's major waterways such as Corte Madera Creek. The existing open segment of the creek provides sufficient opportunities for young children to discover the delights of the creek during months when it is flowing. Increased liability risk to the Town could result from exposing this area in the middle of our heavily used recreational fields and walkways. Opening up the entire length of the creek and thereby severing the campus into east and west pieces runs counter to the vision of the Town Center as a unifying place for the community. Using the dimensions of the open creek segment as a guide, the area that would have to be excavated and removed from current use would be approximately 1/2 acre in the very heart of the Town Center. This is far too great a loss of valuable land in a campus that is so heavily used by the community. The Town Center campus is a triumph as it is. It should not be altered in this fundamental way. 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-20 21:25:28.048 960+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-16 17:20:42.981 043+00:00</p>	<p>3: Stulshaft Park in RWC has a lovely off-leash area with walking paths for people, a creek, and lots of room for pups to plunge through the underbrush and explore. 2: I would love to see a large, *fenced* dog park where my high-energy dog can run off-leash. She is part greyhound, and *needs* to run hard every day: a tired dog is a happy dog. We have very few places in PV that accommodate her needs. I sometimes take her to the orchard behind the Town Center, but she sometimes heads out toward Portola Road. (When she's after a squirrel or other critter, her recall is ZERO.) 1: As more and more of our wild spaces get built out, the Town Center is an oasis of calm. With the addition of the Springdown land, we have the opportunity to use part of it for our pups who are losing out on open space to run. 4:</p>

<p>2016-09-19 00:47:25.437 414+00:00</p>	<p>3: Look to the the main users of the Town Center and serve their needs. Do not impose your own vision for the Town Center. Make sure the facilities are being maintained to extend their life.</p> <p>2: I cannot think of any.</p> <p>1: I am not sure I see any need to do any major changes to the Town Center. I am very happy with the Town Center as it is exits today.</p> <p>4: The Town Center is used for a variety of uses and is a great center piece for the town. I cannot think of any reason to do any major projects or changes to the Town Center. It is a very new site.</p>
<p>2016-09-19 00:59:21.916 756+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2: I would appreciate a large dog park area where dogs can run free in an enclosed area for good exercise and other doggie companionship.</p> <p>1:</p> <p>4:</p>
<p>2016-09-20 21:49:38.891 151+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2: A few more shaded benches and perhaps another picnic table.</p> <p>1:</p> <p>4: Lots of effort went into the plan when TC was rebuilt after the 89 quake. Great job done for those who worked on it, especially the creek area which nature and use patterns have integrated very well over recent years. Parking may sometimes seem a little scant, but overall is well balanced to needs.</p>
<p>2016-09-16 17:49:50.389 713+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2:</p> <p>1:</p> <p>4: i do like it just as it is. I walk there every afternoon with my dog; and virtually every day all the sports areas are in use. The tennis courts seem well used by families; see a lot of adults "coaching" kids in how to play tennis and other sports. I like the low key; no formal classes feeling.</p> <p>And referring to the many folks mentioning a fenced in dog park; my dog refuses to enter a fenced in dog park; too confining if there is a too aggressive dog! We don't even go to the morning playtime with dogs; for some dogs its just too overwhelming.</p>

<p>2016-09-19 01:16:45.225 251+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: I very much like the balance of fields, nature, spaces and buildings (business) in town center. Maintain the ability of the fields to flow back and forth allows for Town Picnic, Adult and Youth sports to flow and co-exist. Keep the compromise in place allowing all groups to benefit from the areas of use in the Town Center space. 4: I very much like the balance of fields, nature, spaces and buildings (Govt) in town center. Maintain the ability of the fields to flow back and forth allows for Town Picnic, Adult and Youth sports to flow and co-exist. Keep the compromise in place allowing all groups to benefit from the areas of use in the Town Center space. Please do not open the creek along the fields, this will divide the space and actually split the town age groups more and split the use by families for general use on a "place to hang out". The current open creek is just the right amount, while it sets the performance area apart, it also creates a larger liability for parents with kids. The current center has something for all, and many want something more, hence a good use compromise was attained.</p>
<p>2016-09-16 17:54:34.427 467+00:00</p>	<p>3: As mentioned, I love the redwood groves, especially the one at the back of Town Center..... Would be lovely to add more redwoods where they will get enough water w/o depleting from other areas where water is needed. These provide needed solace! 2: See #3. 1: 4: The library is wonderful. Feels the way a library should--warm and cozy---especially with the use of natural wood. Even the electronic check-outs are off to the side. If anything, even more nooks and crannies---and these are already very well positioned within the library.</p>
<p>2016-09-16 17:16:34.937 533+00:00</p>	<p>3: Here is one wild idea: A mural, showing the history of our community. Produced by the community, many participants. Led by an experienced facilitator/artist. Here is an example of murals that really brought a community together: <http://capturethelight.zenfolio.com/murals>. CaptureTheLight.Zenfolio.Com/Murals. Everyone participates. A joint community effort. I can put you in touch with someone who has done this and can possibly give contacts. 2: Can we open up more of the creek? Daylighting! 1: Sustainability. Long-lasting. Community building. Education for all of us, learning about PV, earthquake country.... global climate change impact... All ages. 4: Concerts are great. Library!!! EV charging stations!!</p>

<p>2016-09-14 18:25:06.166 577+00:00</p>	<p>3: Look to nature. Often there are areas of the forests where not much grows, and what fun for things like a par course through the woods, etc, if people wanted that sort of thing. I prefer nature, and strategically located benches are always welcome for sitting quietly in nature, observing, or just resting those assorted joint replacements. Nottaway Park in VA has a par course embedded in the woods, which hides it for those uninterested, and gives a lovely environment for folks who want to exercise. Each activity is about 100 yards from the last. Just a thought for people who like to exercise (not me).</p> <p>2: I would sure like to see that performance lawn go. It is a water hog, and I have long wondered what the run off is doing to our creek. In the morning it is so wet our feet sink, and it just seems like a waste of our natural resources. If it were revamped to be a native garden, such as on the other side of the schoolhouse, it would attract more birds, butterflies, etc, and people could still bring their blankets and lawn chairs for performances. We could also host performances on the playing fields already in existence. I would also like to see the use of sprays eliminated.</p> <p>Since so many people run their dogs off leash anyhow, if there were a place for a dog park I would be thrilled. I think space is limited though. My dog is not good with other dogs, and worse when 7 off leash dogs are charging him at once, so giving those people an enclosed space will make it more user friendly for people who are afraid of dogs, and for dogs who need more space.</p> <p>1: Preservation of native species, and nature awareness for the next generation. It would also be nice to have a library we could use at more regular hours. I would be there a lot more if it opened at 9, plus that's a great time for toddler programs, since they tend to be up so early.</p> <p>4: I love what Town Center has become. I appreciate the redwood preservation efforts and the trails through the trees. The library is beautiful, one of my favorite places on the planet (along with the redwood grove uphill of the community room).</p>
<p>2016-09-16 18:38:31.089 155+00:00</p>	<p>3: Arrillaga in Menlo Park</p> <p>2: A gym. A grand piano for classical music concerts. Black out blinds in the community hall. A path from behind the town center past the vineyards up to Windy Hill - maybe get an easement. Conference rooms and coworking space.</p> <p>1: Community events.</p> <p>4: I love the concerts, picnics, town parties - Harvest Soiree, Christmas Party for volunteers. Anything that builds community.</p>

<p>2016-09-19 03:44:45.431 699+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: We are active users of both the soccer and softball fields and would like to see those prioritized as they benefit the most number of people in our community. There are many different community events that center on these fields and at times the fields are in horrible condition, presenting hazards to kids and adults who are using the fields, so I think the highest priority should be on optimizing those fields. 4: I think the town should prioritize better maintenance and some minor improvements (e.g., more seating at the soccer fields, outfield fencing for the softball field) in terms of how we spend the town's money.</p>
<p>2016-09-16 18:39:47.333 924+00:00</p>	<p>3: I think it should talk to as many residents as possible by making direct one on one outreach to key groups in Town, with as many different cross sections of the community represented. I understand that it is hard to get people to come to community meetings since many folks are working and putting kids to sleep etc. Thus, I think reaching out directly is very important. 2: The outdoor facilities are wonderful, as is the library. It would be wonderful to have more indoor more casual gathering spaces and or outdoor areas with additional seating (e.g. adirondack type chairs in additional outdoor areas and more accessibility to a lounge type area that is indoors). It seems like the additional indoor gathering areas could be accomplished by simply making the existing indoor facilities (community hall and classrooms) open to the public all day (no need for additional construction). It appears that for many hours of the day, the existing indoor facilities go unused. I note that there is the one room that is attached to the Western end of the library, and it gets very heavy use by people wanting a place to do tutoring for children (in fact there is one tutor who seems to have that room for many afternoons). This type of space is in high demand. 1: Making the TC more available in terms of indoor gathering spaces and more welcoming of community members who want to make use of the TC for gatherings in general or children wanting to use it for things like lemonade stands. It is a very formal undertaking at present to rent out any of the indoor facilities, and the number of times they can be rented are quite limited and expensive. There is no simple permit process for children to host lemonade stands and the like. The library is a wonderful place with very warm and helpful staff, but of course one has to be quite in the library. 4:</p>

<p>2016-09-16 19:44:43.641 582+00:00</p>	<p>3: Look to Ladera for inspiration. It's gotten so popular that you can't even get a parking space Thur - Saturday. Why? They have a big draw in John's or whatever its called now and for the mornings, you can't get into the coffee house. These, along with Zot's, are all competitors not only for adults, but Ladera center is full of kids, too.</p> <p>2: It is probably too late, but the Town's policy of no retail after 8:00 PM and no lights at all might be eco friendly, but it is not what is needed to make a people friendly area. I don't know how profitable the Farmer's Market is, but that was a good idea and brings people to the TC, or at least close to the TC.</p> <p>1: Realize that what the TC was built for is not what was really needed. The Town is very kids centered and that's fine. But there are absolutely zero functions that people over 15 would be interested in other than perhaps tennis or basketball. The soccer field seem to go to tweens. If you see a post tween, it's because they are watching over the pre-tweens and not going there on their own volition. Add adult friendly spaces.</p> <p>Two, realize that the TC has a terrible location. It is not central to anything and it's on top of the fault. Dumb. At the time of planning, Alpine Hills was planning an expansion, too. I suggested that you trade land. AH need flat areas for their tennis courts and the TC needs to be more centrally located to its population center, not surrounded by Woodside. And being next to churches doesn't help, either.</p> <p>4: You have a parking problem with the entrances to both the library and town offices next to each other with everyone wanting to park near the oval. Consider moving the entrance to the library to the other end of the building.</p>
<p>2016-09-19 04:02:44.279 484+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: Daylighting the rest of Sausal Creek. 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-16 21:50:37.573 375+00:00</p>	<p>3: Creek Restoration is happening throughout the nation. Very exciting!</p> <p>2: Additional space for walking with improvement in the Town Center trails that are currently at risk and an expansion of the trails to the north working with the Episcopal church.</p> <p>1: I feel strongly that we should maximize Sausal Creek. It is now the center piece of our town! We should continue the path around the public space and get the cars out of the trail between the church and the town center, but more importantly, I believe we can extend the trail system along the creek into the Church property with a right of way agreement which might cost the Town a bit but would add a nice connection between the parking available behind and in front of Christ Church as well as expand the sense of community...</p> <p>4: I love the Town Center! I love the exercise and public space, the trails, the library and the gardens.</p>

<p>2016-09-19 04:14:22.339 987+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: "Sails" for shade over the stands for the softball field and soccer field. More community events for the public at night/evenings. How about water collection barrels or system? Oh yes and about all those folks coming into our town on weekends to park and bike/hike, NO MORE PARKING! do not add parking to accomodate these people! 1: We just spent an ENORMOUS amount of money redoing town center. It is lovely, don't touch it! Unless you want to help fix the soccer field and softball fields from gopher holes and other ruts that cause sprained ankles. Don't even consider "opening" the so called "creek" and making us town folks pay for it and ruining the soccer /softball field. Use your own money but do NOT touch these fields without asking the people. 4: This place is oerfect the way it is and cost us town folk a fortune. Let's enjoy it the way it is for a long time. Why are people ALWAYS looking to improve things on others peoples dime!</p>
<p>2016-09-20 22:50:42.213 451+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I would appreciate a curb-side drop off for returning library books. Please consider making a court for pickleball. It is a new growing favorite for all ages. 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-16 23:23:36.708 329+00:00</p>	<p>3: The old town center was more utilized by the community. 2: 1) Dog park, 2) Outdoor pavilion, 3) MUR (similar utility to the old one before the remodel), 4) More storage for the library, 5) more outdoor seating 1: More space available for general public use. Usage needs to be less restrictive. 4:</p>

<p>2016-09-19 04:39:02.475 619+00:00</p>	<p>3: Look at Burgess and the many things they offer. Their 'Town Center' isn't a 'Nature Preserve' but a Community Center that meets the needs of its' entire community. In Portola Valley we call Alpine Hills our 'glorified community center' because the Town Center doesn't offer enough. I think we got too caught up in preserving and sustaining and lost community building.</p> <p>2: I would love to see more offered to the kid/pre-teen/teenager population. So often I am leaving my home town to take my kids to do their after school activities. How about: Basketball Court, Obstacle Course, Outdoor Classroom, Outdoor fitness center for all ages, amphitheater under the redwoods for performances, ceremonies..... As an educator, I am noticing a big difference in our children, they are less active and tend to be less interested in sports. How great would it be to have a Town Center that offers more healthy lifestyle opportunities beyond the playground -- our children are going to be so much more balanced and remember they are going to be taking care of us.-- More Creek isn't going to help them.</p> <p>1: I think it is great as is. If we start asking what can we add -- more classrooms, basketball court (not a converted tennis court), turf -- we want kids, teens, all ages to want to come to the Town Center. The open creek that we have now is great but why do we need more? Let's keep it the same or find other ways for people to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. A million dollars for more of the same and decreasing the size of our already 'smaller' playing fields? Doesn't sound like a priority to me.</p> <p>4: Who is complaining about the Town Center as it is? My family and I love the playing fields as they are (why mess with them especially after the fiasco with the soccer field). I think it is a waste to open up more creek at the tune of \$1 million dollars. Money could be so much better spent serving all the needs of our community verses a small vocal group. I can't attend all the meetings as I am driving my pre-teen and teen boys to other town centers that serve them better -- they don't need more creek. We travel to Burgess to play basketball, Red Morton for football, Reikes Center for fitness, nature and music.</p>
<p>2016-09-20 23:03:48.668 803+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: more picnic tables and options for shade, around the baseball diamond. 1: 4: This place is a gem - honestly, don't change it!</p>
<p>2016-09-17 00:04:24.416 917+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Native plant display garden. There are native plants scattered around but not labeled or organized. Also, all the kids frolicking and having a wonderful time in Sausal Creek have trampled all the lovely native plants shown in the picture on this page. 1: 4: Love the library, activity hall. Beautiful and warming.</p>

<p>2016-09-17 00:35:26.829 394+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: That it remain small town beautiful as it is, a dog park seems reasonable, (I don't own a dog) but coffee/restaurant etc.. is absurd. a 'Par course'- exercise stations in-between a runabout in an expansion area like the area south of the tennis courts is an idea if popular with others, other wise over development is contrary to the town's founding principles. 4: It serves the community Very well & shouldn't be exploited. An older generation may be giving way to a younger generation, and the peaceful nature is ever more so necessary in an over sensitized/stimulated chaotic world , the younger generation should look to coffee house gathering spots from here to Stanford Campus for any social networking- Face to face should be enjoyed in the peace of a lawn (bring your own coffee) E-mail, texting etc. is already unraveling the social fabric of our society, a little more effort is required to be eye to eye in a peaceful surrounding, and is worth the effort. I am thankful for the environmental wakeup updates brought to us in open lectures like smart watering systems. Our city council is to be commended on its meticulous work and foresight in preserving why we all chose to live exactly here.</p>
<p>2016-09-19 14:06:19.444 182+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Fitness center 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-17 02:20:48.012 848+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: None. 1: Highest priority is to preserve as much open space as possible. Open space includes athletic fields and outdoor spaces for gatherings and concerts. I particularly like the concerts, but think they are fine held the way they are. 4: I hope this isn't an excuse for a large building project. The indoor spaces at the town center are already sufficient in my opinion.</p>
<p>2016-09-19 15:28:56.849 901+00:00</p>	<p>3: I think it is on par with any other great community gathering place I have been. Excellent! 2: I am part of the Boy Scout program and use town center quite often. I attend the town picnic and many other town events. I think it is perfectly suited to a community of our size. Focus on keeping it well staffed and kept up! 1: So often, funds are used for change, when they should be used for upkeep. We have an amazing town center and we should focus on keeping it that way! 4: I do like it just the way it is. The best use of funds would be to make sure it is well maintained; the play structures; the fields; and the buildings. I have heard rumblings that we are thinking of extending the creek and moving the playing fields to the tune of \$1M. Why would we do something like that? Very much against it!</p>

<p>2016-09-17 07:32:19.918 739+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I think the at own Center is perfect the way it is. If something must be done, then perhaps daylighting more creek would head my list. 1: 4: I'm very proud of our Town Center. I think it's beautiful and useful. Pretty much perfect just right as it is. Daylighting the creek has added so much. It still amazes me how much was paid for by contribution and the way resources were reused and/or locally acquired. And the willingness to go for Platinum.</p>
<p>2016-09-19 16:15:06.518 205+00:00</p>	<p>3: Do not spend \$1M expanding the creek and diminishing the fields. If you have an extra \$1M burning a hole in your pocket then log on to donorschoose.org and find a teacher that needs classroom supplies or desks for their classroom. We have beautiful facilities and went through years of construction to get what we have - why don't we just enjoy our beautiful town center instead of always pushing for more? 2: Adding a paddle tennis court 1: Better maintenance of the soccer and softball fields 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-19 16:56:16.782 799+00:00</p>	<p>3: Its not a suburban town center by any means, but I love energy and connectivity of SF's Dolores Park. It brings a lot of different people and activities together all at once. 2: Sand volleyball court (NY's Central Park has a great, simple example). 1: I think your intro hits a key point of what creates a sense of place; social. People and community and their ability to interact with each other are key components of what make great places. Seperating people by a creek would materially diminish the ability for people to connect. 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-17 14:38:55.205 961+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Please close up the creek. The first priority is the section between the soccer field and the maintenance area. It's ugly and soccer balls constantly go in it and can't be retrieved. There's a fence which doesn't keep the balls out, but makes it very difficult to go in. It's steep, full of weeds, and poison oak. The creek between the soccer field and Springdown is also unattractive and balls go into it all the time. It's full of poison oak which makes it dangerous to retrieve the balls. 1: The soccer and softball fields need to be maintained better. There were many complaints during softball season about the outfield and the same is true about the soccer field. Players are suffering ankle injuries from the poor conditions of the field. 4: We spent a lot of time and money relatively recently to design and build the Town Center. It's much too early to be making significant changes. Please focus on better maintaining the current design.</p>

<p>2016-09-19 18:40:05.692 318+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: A vital library is important to me and I use it often. I also like the multi-use room and the outdoor paths. 4: I think it functions very well as it is although parking can be tight during the farmer's market. I've heard some people want to open up the creek which would impact the baseball field. I like having part of the creek open but think it would be a mistake to open it up further, disrupting the baseball field and spending a lot of needless money.</p>
<p>2016-09-21 00:44:22.211 047+00:00</p>	<p>3: From individuals using the site. not only architects. 2: a MUR for sporting events in winter or when raining. Also, Art classes , theater classes and events. A resource for Sand volleyball, an area for non sport games and activities for play. Room to support library activities. Filling in the creek in front of Town Hall, it currently is a safety hazard 1: A resource for activities enriching all members of the community. 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-19 19:14:00.434 254+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: 4: Yes. I like the Town Center as it is. MOST IMPORTANT: I don't want the creek open. I understand that this will affect the soccer &/or baseball field(s). The creek is fine just the way it is. NO CHANGE.</p>
<p>2016-09-17 14:51:01.722 314+00:00</p>	<p>3: The native garden behind the Woodside library is lovely. We could create something equally beautiful where people would like to linger. 2: Daylight more of the creek. More classes offered at Town Center for adults as well as kids. Perhaps some small meeting spaces at library. 1: Maintain and increase native plants. Keep existing open areas for all to enjoy. 4: I love seeing so many residents just enjoying the area. On any given day you can see kids and adults playing sports, toddlers in the Little People's Park, others exploring the creek, families picnicking and of course, using the library which for me is the linchpin of the entire complex. The Town Center has been a huge success.</p>

<p>2016-09-21 01:01:14.002 030+00:00</p>	<p>3: Look to the past for the old multi-purpose room with a stage...grass outside it for lawn sports or kids playing. Indestructible almost in the flooring. And good acoustics for events. Even at the Christmas Party for the town, you cannot hear speakers. Awful. Children need places with grass to just be kids and play. Our library could have larger community events in a new multi-use room, as well as weddings, memorials, etc.</p> <p>2: A pickleball court for older folks, a much larger multi-purpose room with a stage for events and community gatherings. The new one has horrible acoustics, is too big for small activities and too small for large ones. That is my number one priority! Build a large one that is practical instead of pretty. Have a senior center combined with children for games and activities. Have a dedicated classroom for exercise classes and events. Bring back art classes!!! Redoing the creek wasted valuable space for events and activities.</p> <p>1: Have places for all PV residents...young to old. Have a larger, less formal gathering place for everyone to be...more like the old room with the stage where children could play, where you could play croquet on grass outside, with good acoustics. While natural and native planting is good, there should be grass just for fun!</p> <p>4: Absolutely do not. It is pretty and it is environmentally sensitive almost to the extreme. But not as practical as the old town center even. Our party room is awful...not big enough, bad acoustics, cold feeling. Never go in town offices because they are separate from all the activities of the town...the classrooms, party room, library. Should be more connected.</p>
<p>2016-09-17 15:43:04.529 719+00:00</p>	<p>3: Los Alto Hills Town Center; they fill all the hallways, council room, conference rooms, with art. They also give the artists a wonderful reception with events for kids, music and food for attendees. JCC in Palo Alto and Foster City: they have rotating art shows and offer workshops by the artist.</p> <p>2: I'd like to see a public place for local artists to show their work. There are many talented artists in Portola Valley and I think they are an asset to the community and contribute to our culture here.</p> <p>1: I would like to see art play a role in the community. If we are expanding the town center, could we add some sculpture?</p> <p>4:</p>
<p>2016-09-19 21:59:19.352 878+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2: A bit more parking.</p> <p>1: Limit development. The town does not need cafe facilities, etc. etc.</p> <p>AND ABOVE ALL PLEASE TO NOT ALLOW A NEW FENCED DOG PARK. I am positive that his would bring dog owners/dog walkers from surrounding areas and increase non-local traffic. The Land Use Element of the Town's General Plan specifically states as one of its General Objectives: 93) To minimize the need for non-local traffic to penetrate the planning area." As much as I appreciate our PV farmers' market, I have talked to people there who come from out of town just for it.</p> <p>4: I like the emphasis on natural surrounding, esp. real grass in the play fields. (Please don't ever consider artificial turf). I disagree with the idea of daylighting more of the creek, as it is unnecessary and would be a real hazard to residents using the using play fields.</p>

<p>2016-09-21 02:25:07.522 810+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: classrooms for art classes, exercise classes 1: 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-17 18:44:09.116 149+00:00</p>	<p>3: I am a big fan of our library but it appears as if more space is needed in several areas. The staff room is quite inadequate for the increased staff and their needs. Also, the small room used for tutoring or other meetings and programs is very inadequate in space. I do not know how the library could be increased in size but it would be greatly appreciated by the huge numbers of patrons. 2: I use the children's playground and the sand box area is in great use, however, the canvas covering only protects from the sun when it is directly overhead. A larger canvas would cover more or more strategically located canvas..When I go at 10 in the morning all the children are huddled in one corner, and in the summer months it is not used often just for the reason there is no protection from the hot rays. 1: I feel one of the unique aspects of our Town Center is the creek. Many towns have lovely buildings but what makes our location special is the creek and grove of redwood trees. I think we should seriously consider daylighting the whole creek at the Town Center. 4:</p>
<p>2016-09-19 23:43:44.872 936+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: nothing, great the way it is 1: keep it as is 4: Please do not open up the creek farther than it already is. To spend \$1M on a project that would disrupt the fields is a waist of money</p>
<p>2016-09-17 20:04:02.870 840+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Pool 1: Creating a Pool for children, keeping the soccer field intact, adding a basketball court 4: Keep the soccer field as it is, keep the creek is it is. having it larger would only make the town center smaller and less useful for children who enjoy the fields</p>

<p>2016-09-17 20:46:26.580 841+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2: I agree with others who think we should encourage more utilization of our community center by local groups without imposing large fees. The individual class rooms might also be used as gathering spots for various groups when not in use for classes.</p> <p>I agree with those who note a need for more parking, particularly for major events. It might be easy and appropriate to provide a natural, multi-use soft-scape area (perhaps a portion of SpringDown) as an additional safe parking area when needed (as Stanford does with its natural open space/game parking areas).</p> <p>I share the concerns of those who feel that opening up a lot more, or all, of the creek will sever the unity and accessibility to and from the various areas of our town campus. The amount of usable space lost does not appear to be a good trade-off. Having a portion of the creek open is great (although it sometimes looks a bit too unruly).</p> <p>1: Our library is one of our most-used facilities and needs more space as we plan for continued increases in usage in the future. Might a tastefully constructed library annex (or separate children's library?) resolve our need for providing more concurrent events for various age groups?</p> <p>4: I love this community, its town center, its volunteers, its staff, its activities, and its beautiful natural setting. We need to maintain a balance among the variety of interests and needs of our community (dogs vs. sports vs. social areas vs. meditative areas, etc.)</p>
<p>2016-09-18 00:00:50.565 068+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2: A dog run area. We should consider the possibility of merging the Open Space across the driveway from the tennis courts into the Town Center campus but with open space uses only. Dog run area here?</p> <p>1: Do not open the creek further as it will take too much space from other uses and be very expensive. The existing open creek is much wider than I had expected, and I had heard it added about \$1.5 million to the project. We must still accommodate an alternative entry to the property for fire trucks and the baseball field would have to be moved toward Portola Rd. necessitating significant excavation and loss of oak trees. It was originally proposed the open creek landscape would be maintained by volunteers, but the Town has been hiring a crew to work on it. It became so clogged with willow trees last year the flow was affected and much silting has occurred. Obviously the maintenance costs would greatly increase. It seems we would trade creek area for other open space.</p> <p>4: Very well planned from the start. It functions well for a variety of uses and I do not think we should spend money to improve much at all.</p>

<p>2016-09-20 03:55:08.970 906+00:00</p>	<p>3: I like the general idea of some of the Palo Alto parks in that there is a very easy going flow between the different elements of the park. Adults can sit and chat while kids run and play and/or use the playing fields for either youth sports or adult co-ed softball. While there are different areas for different uses there are no major obstacles to impede usage.</p> <p>2:</p> <p>1: I'd like for the town center to continue to meet the needs of all members of the community. Having said that, I feel that it is still a relatively new facility so would not like to see a lot of major changes and/or money spent.</p> <p>4: I do like it the way it is. That doesn't mean that change is bad though; however I do not have any particular change in mind. My husband and I look forward each year to the co-ed softball summer league and spend hours and hours outside at the towncenter during the summer months. We love the long lazy days of summer with fellow Portola Valley citizens playing sports, hanging with families and friends. I feel that the town center is still pretty fresh and doesn't particularly need investment in major change.</p>
<p>2016-09-21 04:24:28.971 096+00:00</p>	<p>3: It should look to nature. There's plenty of city out there already. I come here to get away from steel and concrete.</p> <p>2: A small, independently run cafe; that is, not a corporate Starbucks. (But closed Thursdays, so as not to compete with Farmer's Market.) As long as it doesn't upset the ecosystem, I'd also be interested in a Japanese tea garden-like area.</p> <p>1: The least amount of interruption of currently existing services as possible; that is, not knocking down existing structures and putting people out of work in these building for many months.</p> <p>4: What exists of the Town Center currently, I like just as it is. I like the quote from the Town Center Master Plan postcard: "...that will enhance the amenities and sense of place we already enjoy." I would hate to see existing structures knocked down; rather, I would love to see additions that would be complementary to the overall rustic feel.</p>
<p>2016-09-20 04:14:36.159 417+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2: Daylight the rest of Sausal Creek.</p> <p>1:</p> <p>4:</p>
<p>2016-09-21 05:38:16.615 899+00:00</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>2: Place for dogs and people to play!</p> <p>1:</p> <p>4:</p>

<p>2016-09-18 04:57:07.795 046+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Existing amenities are perfectly adequate. 1: Library Soccer field Play area for kids 4: The current amenities meet all the needs of my family and myself. I don't really see the need to make any changes - the only recommendation I would make is to keep a very high standard in terms of maintaining the existing amenities.</p>
<p>2016-09-20 04:19:41.851 441+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: 4: I like the town center for its balanced approach to living here. I think the library, multipurpose room, children's play area and sports fields are used by our community. I don't think expanding the creek is necessary and it's a large amount of money we could use for other projects that may be of some necessity.</p>
<p>2016-09-21 06:30:33.143 065+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I would like to see more animals. Allow more water into the creek by the library for frogs. Our weather is excellent most of the year. Please have more concerts than the 3 in the summer. I'd like to see more of the talks that were at the Old School House on earthquakes, photography, mathematics, etc. There is so much knowledge in this community and it's great to share it. 1: Have more places where students can hang out away from home to socialize. 4:</p>

2016-09-18 05:16:23.722 307+00:00	<p>3:</p> <p>2: Town of Portola Valley 765 Portola Road Portola valley, CA 94028</p> <p>Attn: Town Center Master Plan Committee</p> <p>Dear members of the Committee,</p> <p>Since a large number of Portola Valley residents own dogs, and they would like to provide them a chance to run free in a safe area, and since the town has posted "No Dogs Allowed" signs on both the soccer and baseball fields, It is suggested that a small area in the Town's 6.65 acre Spring Down property be fenced and designated as a dog run.</p> <p>This doesn't need to be an elaborate dog park, merely a cleared and fenced area where dogs can be allowed to run, unrestrained. In addition to a 48" high fence, the only other needed site improvements would be to have water and waste cans available. I think that a small section in the southeast corner of the Spring Down property, between the gravel path and the existing fence, would be suitable.</p> <p>I trust that you will give this suggestion your full consideration.</p> <p>Thank you and best regards, David Luce 180 Wayside Road Portola Valley, CA 94028</p> <p>1: 4:</p>
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<p>2016-09-20 04:41:05.369 632+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I would like to see the Springdown pond restoration completed so that it fulfills its potential as a small preserve; to me this has priority over additional daylighting of Sausal. As a cyclist, I would like to see the Eastbound bike lane on Portola Road widened because it feels very constricted near the main entrance to the Town Center. Have rotating art exhibits and consider providing space for local artists during the Open Studios in late spring. 1: 1. Keep the Town Center beautiful, peaceful, sustainable, multifunctional. 2. Serve as a demonstration site for Town values of citizen engagement and maintaining a natural and rural environment. 3. Preserve views of the hills, complete the Springdown pond restoration, maintain recreation facilities. 4. Avoid creating more demands for parking, as would result from having a cafe or a trail to Windy Hill (away from the road). 5. Acquire adjacent land when possible so that new amenities (e.g., dog park) might be possible without sacrificing what we've got. 4: Probably the thing I admire most about the Town Center is that its design and size allow for many different activities to coexist successfully--that the playing fields, library, natural areas, historic schoolhouse fit together in such a way that each has adequate space but their proximity to one another strengthens the community bonds.</p>
<p>2016-09-18 14:17:06.378 343+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: bocce courts, badminton, outdoor chess areas as well as other activities that might draw us together as a community 1: The original town center master plan was created from a wealth of careful community input, including multiple design charrettes and open meetings. The final design did not include the partial daylighting currently in place. Consequently, the daylighting project (over \$1 million) was not supported enough by the community to receive adequate private funding. The town added hundreds of thousands of dollars from the general fund to finish the project. I do not believe the community will support another million dollar+ project paid for with taxpayer dollars to daylight the rest of the creek. If the PVForum is any indication, our community has other concerns (e.g. license plate readers and other safety measures). Please make sure the community understand the full fiscal implications of this plan. 4: I like the open feel and the access between the soccer and baseball fields. I am concerned about the opening of the remainder of the creek. As a parent, I appreciate the ability to watch younger children while I am playing on one of the fields or watching older siblings play. The path between the two fields is often used for bikes and scooters. I think daylighting the creek will remove this element of safety.</p>

<p>2016-09-18 15:23:00.752 064+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: I think we have everything we need! 1: Maintaining the facilities! I understand there is some discussion of opening up the rest of the creek? This would significantly (and negatively) impact the soccer field, softball/baseball field, and the path between them! I am a regular user of these athletic fields, and love to see all the people using these collective spaces - they are laid out perfectly, there is easy access between the softball field and the soccer field, and it's safe for kids to run around as parents can see them from far away. Opening up the creek would add no value to these athletic fields - and it could become much more dangerous for little kids. I would rather see the money (is there EXTRA money? where is this money coming from?) spent on maintaining the grass on the soccer field. 4: The Town Center is AWESOME as it is! Why change it? The thought of spending \$1M on something that would devalue the facilities (IMHO) is ridiculous!</p>
<p>2016-09-20 08:46:27.565 783+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: Restore the rest of Sausal Creek. Encourage and allow leash-free play with dogs and people 1: 4: It's a great place to socialize and play.</p>
<p>2016-09-18 15:28:32.954 923+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: 4: Please do not open up the creek, this is not good use of Portola Valley funding. The beauty of the creek & town center already exists without further spending on the creek.</p>
<p>2016-09-20 15:18:05.830 450+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: A theatre facility/ performance venue. 1: Place for families and people of all ages to enjoy. 4:</p>

<p>2016-09-18 16:36:20.697 573+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: Please keep the softball field and the soccer field the same. These are the facilities that we use the most. Please do not open up the creek and disrupt these 2 fields. 4: Everything is beautiful exactly as is. A lot of thought was put in to design the Town Center, why are we trying to change it again. Also, if the Town is able to raise more money, we should put that money toward better upkeep of existing facilities (the turf on the softball field is horrendous and have caused multiple injuries to players).</p>
<p>2016-09-20 19:54:17.092 450+00:00</p>	<p>3: Use the creativity of the people of the town. 2: A large covered or indoor spaces allowing various activities an interests. Possible activities include library support for library enhancement, indoor sports, theater productions, receptions, a bunch of cardboard boxes for young children to play with/in,etc. 1: Suitable spaces for various activities of interest to the people of Portola Valley. 4: I like the Town Center and it would be much better with the previous improvements and facilities.</p>
<p>2016-09-18 21:37:23.532 333+00:00</p>	<p>3: 2: 1: The Town Center is a relatively new creation. Maintain current facilities as they are. Invest in keeping existing facilities great rather than spending money doing new things. 4: We are frequent users of the sports facilities. I particularly value how they are connected. I have heard talk of spending money to "open up" the creek runnig between the soccer field and the softball field. For example, the Portola Valley Softball League uses this space regularly during the summer. Come out any 3 or 4 evenings a week, and you will find this space full of families enjoying softball and pot luck meals together, using the connecting space to the soccer field. This is what building community is all about. In addition to wasting taxpayer money, this will destroy the continuity that exists today. Do not do this, please!</p>

What Do you Like at the Town Center?

Published Date	Selected Aspects of Town Center	Comments
2016-09-21 15:06:29.59 0403+00:00		I think it cost to much and I would not want to shrink the softball field. Portol valley resident.
2016-09-16 17:30:44.90 4238+00:00	The Library, Town Center architecture	
2016-09-10 15:15:51.41 6343+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-16 05:31:59.74 9794+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-16 19:34:28.13 6954+00:00		I don't want the town to add anything that will draw outside visitors. We chose to live in this town because it's rural and remote. If we wanted a ton of facilities, we'd live in Menlo Park or Palo Alto. What makes it special is the quiet, uncrowded feel and its beautiful surroundings.
2016-08-27 22:00:34.37 3270+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-10 03:45:30.31 2009+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture	
2016-09-10 23:13:37.34 9352+00:00	Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-08-22 23:44:23.96 7766+00:00	Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture	

2016-09-11 16:23:12.83 1455+00:00		I like the large open space that abuts the neighboring horse facilities because it has a nice trail to walk and get some exercise.
2016-09-15 05:28:57.12 0393+00:00	Sausal Creek, The Library, Town Center architecture	
2016-09-16 17:48:23.54 3433+00:00		Love the redwood groves, especially the one between the playing field and "town hall" building at the back of town center. A redwood grove with picnic table near by provides peace and quiet for a private gathering, or a place to get away from the demands of life.
2016-09-16 17:11:36.52 1117+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Horseshoe Pit, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmers Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	The daylighted creek is great!
2016-09-14 03:22:13.85 1201+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmers Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-16 23:56:08.96 3415+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Sausal Creek, The Library, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-17 20:38:56.20 1826+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Performance Lawn, The Library	
2016-08-18 23:09:47.98 9409+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, The Library, Thursday Farmers Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	We like the diverse uses of the Town Center, making it truly a center of activities for the town. Although we have not checked aspects that we do not personally use, we are glad they are there for those who do.
2016-08-20 23:42:31.15 7761+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities, The Library, Thursday Farmers Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	I don't know what the horse shoe pit is but otherwise I find the whole space to be very enjoyable and well designed - my children are always happy to find something to do there and my family uses the library regularly. Personally my favorite amenity is the soccer pitch.

2016-08-21 00:09:53.24 9891+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	The town center is a great gathering space for events and a nice functional space for town government and all the volunteer committees.
2016-08-23 03:34:25.26 8816+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-08-21 02:05:53.73 1328+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market	We need a dog park..every morning there are between 10-25 dogs running on the baseball field. It is an unsecured area and one day there will be dogs running out onto busy portola road. Someone will lose their dog in traffic. You have designated the basketball court for a skate park which is seldom used but nothing for the many dog owners of PV
2016-08-22 23:31:21.61 0292+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Government	
2016-08-22 21:45:21.58 2464+00:00	Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities	i would like to see the whole creek daylighted. i would also like a pump track at spring down or another space in town. something as simple as this http://www.svmtb.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/IMBA-BIKE-PART-IMAGES3.jpg
2016-08-23 04:09:42.04 5533+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Horseshoe Pit, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	

2016-09-06 13:09:11.70 9438+00:00		One of the primary catalysts of social interaction is food and coffee. Portola valley has a dearth of cafes, restaurants, and places where you can meet up with people casually. The Ladera area has the tiny strip mall but Konditorie closes very early. And Ladera is quite far from Porto;a Valley Ranch. We have recently moved into Portola Valley and even though we know plenty of people who live here, we feel somewhat isolated because the afordances that drive low-threshold casual social interaction are a little too sparse. The term "Let's meet up for coffee" seems to imply driving to another town at which point it is no longer casual. Consequently we land up meeting people in towns who have their own cafes, rather than the people who live in our own town.
2016-09-16 17:11:45.95 9217+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library	
2016-09-16 23:18:41.79 2403+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Picnic Spaces, The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market	
2016-08-23 04:21:54.91 5533+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Horseshoe Pit, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Sausal Creek, The Library, Town Center architecture	I didn't know there was a horseshoe pit; will have to look for it! I prefer that the Town Center remain as is; we do not need further development.
2016-09-08 02:18:13.63 4177+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	The Town Center performs so many functions for Portola Valley. Its really the heart of the Town!
2016-09-09 18:27:06.01 1888+00:00	Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , The Library, Town Center architecture	
2016-09-10 04:53:31.91 4442+00:00	The Library, Town Center architecture, Town Government	The Sports and recreation facilities continue to be a disappointment

2016-08-23 22:32:14.66 9753+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture	It would be great to have more native flowering plants distributed and placards about the species names and natural uses. This may be asking too much but having a place for children to fish locally and safely would be a great use. The amount/size of holding water needed wouldn't need to be large. Just enough for children to experience the natural cycles of water and the life held within beyond a creek that dries up. This wouldn't be hard to do. Providing better and more inviting access to the Redwood circle behind the main building would be nice and a relief for parents who need to be able to see a child in the distance while at the picnic area for example. More play area built into the hard surfaces at the town buildings to encourage uses by children or adults. A path leading into the meadows/orchards behind the main buildings to allow safe and inviting exploring into those areas could also be useful. Bird habitats distributed around to show and provide refuge for the various birds of prey and birds around PV. Thanks, George
2016-08-24 06:39:42.73 1717+00:00		Springdown Open Space - this native meadow provides valuable breathing space and natural setting for the buildings and facilities. Love the paths mowed through it in the spring. Keep it OPEN! Don't build anything here. Rescue that sad fenced-in pond out there. Open access to the creek here also. Town Center plantings - native and low water use. Great example of what we should all be doing.
2016-08-24 21:55:07.28 9630+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Government	
2016-08-25 18:24:27.17 7400+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Performance Lawn, Sports Facilities , The Library, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-08-26 16:04:19.52 4218+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Government	

2016-08-27 04:57:53.16 0060+00:00	Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, The Library, Town Center architecture, Town Government	The facilities are wonderful, and a gift to the community. Only a lack of parking on some major event days is sometimes difficult.
2016-08-27 14:47:15.79 9654+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-08-27 20:41:49.21 1550+00:00	Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Sausal Creek, Town Center architecture	
2016-08-28 18:33:24.56 3263+00:00	Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market	
2016-09-11 21:44:47.28 3617+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Overall focus on sustainability, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market	
2016-08-29 16:28:46.03 3060+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Government	
2016-08-30 21:41:34.49 0436+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-08-30 01:53:59.30 8309+00:00	Historic Schoolhouse, The Library, Town Government	
2016-08-31 00:55:33.82 1935+00:00	Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market	
2016-08-31 17:02:13.91 3955+00:00	Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, The Library, Town Center architecture, Town Government	

2016-09-02 04:14:20.92 5021+00:00	The Library	Minor comment for the library - which is wonderful. Can there be a drive by drop box for returning books?
2016-09-08 02:16:01.27 9027+00:00	Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Government	
2016-09-18 22:34:31.81 3818+00:00	Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , The Library, Town Government	Town Center strikes a very nice compromise between family, sports, community, and nature lovers. The fields flow well and provide an environment for two age groups to "play" in two areas and keep on eye on each other, ie., kids on soccer and parents on softball.
2016-09-09 18:46:01.68 7364+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	National Recognized Holiday Events (4th of July, Christmas Tree lighting, Parades, etc..).
2016-09-10 04:03:13.30 6770+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Horseshoe Pit, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	The only issue I have is that the woman who runs the farmer's market is NOT friendly to native, born and raised, Portola Valley participants. I find that VERY frustrating. We should be encouraging and supporting our local youth business and local vendors. I don't know who is in charge of managing her but everything else about the town center and farmer's market is great, she is not.
2016-09-09 19:18:29.77 9905+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	Love all of it. I think the campus works brilliantly. Love to see yearly community wildflower seed scattering. I love the garden share, love walking my dogs at Springdown. I think there is a danger to junking it up with more tables, trash cans, art work etc. the simplicity of the architecture reflects the simple, rustic energy of the town, beware of becoming kitschy. More stuff won't necessarily make it better. It is a peaceful fun place to gather
2016-09-16 20:04:34.64 1801+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market	since so many dogs usse the area seems like we could have a small dog park, see the one at san antonio and el camino behind shopping center small, clean, fenced

2016-09-09 21:27:06.27 6244+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little People's Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture	The best aspects of Town Center are those that bring together the Community as a whole, rather than a small subset. So, while athletic facilities/fields are important, they are not as critical as picnic areas, the playground, the performance lawn, and the library.
2016-09-11 23:40:01.46 4223+00:00	The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-13 20:17:15.73 4037+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture	
2016-09-15 19:42:49.52 5771+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	My favorite part of the Town Center is the tennis courts! They are lovely and a great place for friends to meet and get some exercise.
2016-09-16 17:52:47.03 3984+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market	
2016-09-09 21:53:53.43 3297+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market	
2016-09-09 22:13:50.99 5646+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-09 23:01:02.32 3897+00:00	Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-16 17:18:49.55 2342+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Government	
2016-09-16 17:30:07.99 5779+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little People's Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market	

2016-09-18 23:00:14.15 4002+00:00		I would very much like to see a very large fenced areas where dogs could run freely (off-lead) I know there are a number of issues with the area now called Springdown Open Space but if it were fenced properly that could a great location. Would it be possible to have stakeholders fund a fence that would actually be situated away from the creek, on current Springdown Property?
2016-09-20 21:24:23.02 9660+00:00	Sausal Creek	I heard there is a plan to "daylight" the creek. I have not found that written in these plans but I am concerned about where it will be. It seems there is no way to daylight the creek without cutting into the softball, soccer or playground. All of which would be bad. Also having more creek means more water risk with children. This all needs to be clarified and explained to residents. Thank you.
2016-09-20 21:25:06.33 8309+00:00	Horseshoe Pit, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Town Center architecture	Leave town center as it is. Please do not "daylight" any more of the creek! We have a great balance between natural space and maintained space!
2016-09-19 00:44:58.24 7629+00:00	Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , Thursday Farmers' Market	The current design is great and should not be changed.
2016-09-20 21:42:38.01 0091+00:00	Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Town Center architecture	Tennis courts are much appreciated for residents not having private courts. The plan done when the Town Center was rebuilt a decade or more ago considered pretty much all of these issues. It is still very relevant and has withstood the test of time. Good job! So minimal changes please, especially in the area of Sausal Creek, which continues to have been very well done.
2016-09-16 17:34:37.21 5213+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Horseshoe Pit, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers' Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	

2016-09-16 18:35:59.07 7645+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Performance Lawn, The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	I enjoy open air events on the lawn. A bocce court might be an idea. I like the idea of putting a par course on a trail somewhere - there used to be one at PV Ranch that was sadly neglected. It would be nice if the community center had black out blinds so you could see presentations more clearly and they could keep it warm on cold nights. A separate gym building might be useful. It would be nice to clear the plants out of the creek - it has become overgrown - I don't see a need to daylight any more of it. It would be fun to work with Christ Church on having an annual carillon concert as carillons are quite rare and historically even when a church has owned a carillon the town has supported it. We could also have special tunes for special days if the controller were updated.
2016-09-19 03:28:13.68 6645+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	I utilize all of the resources I checked. The others may be useful, I just don't personally use them.
2016-09-19 03:50:25.33 0180+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture	
2016-09-16 20:26:38.19 7203+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Horseshoe Pit, Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	I believe we are a very well balanced community. If i had one critique, I would emphasize more casual spots, more tables and benches for meeting and chattingneeded for young parents and seniors....
2016-09-16 20:31:33.74 0200+00:00	Town Government	Focus should be on sustainability. We could do a better job maintaining the existing soccer fields and tennis courts. The soccer fields are in poor condition right now and will cause ankle injuries. The nets at the tennis courts need repair. Unfortunately people are leaving their trash and recycle behind so I would like to suggest a sign to remind people to be responsible. I know people outside PV come to our wonderful library. Usually easy to park People love our Farmer's market. I hope our town government will uphold the original mission statements and the rural aspect of our Town. We are very unique and I hope we can keep it this way.

2016-09-20 22:46:57.20 3689+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Overall focus on sustainability, Sausal Creek, The Library, Town Center architecture	It is a pleasure just to stroll through the area. Enjoy watching the children enjoy the creek. Have used the tennis courts and I am a regular user of the library. Hadn't known that there is a garden featuring native plants. Will have to check it out. Our youngest grandchild has enjoyed the children's play area.
2016-09-19 04:05:46.47 6020+00:00	Overall focus on sustainability, Sports Facilities , The Library, Town Center architecture	The softball field is where I send my time socializing with friends from the past 20 years. Please do not do ANYTHING to this field, ever! Unless you want to get rid of gofer holes! The soccer field is not the nicest and certainly the town NEEDS a turf field. Current us residents have to drive to other turf fields in the winter to play games and practices which is NOT ideal. I have read both the pros and cons of turf and still agree with turf fields.
2016-09-20 23:02:50.74 1356+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers'™ Market	Playing in both the Adult soccer and Adult co-ed softball leagues, I cannot say enough good things about Town Center. Please do not change the fields - other than adding an additional picnic table or two.
2016-09-16 23:59:42.58 8609+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Sausal Creek, The Library, Thursday Farmers'™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	Too much lawn, wrong message to send residents. We all need to be getting rid of lawns and putting in native plants.
2016-09-19 07:00:24.97 5280+00:00		I do NOT support changes to enlarge the creek, which will affect the fields at Town Center. Please respond that this email has been received and noted. Thank you.
2016-09-19 14:05:28.39 4544+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Horseshoe Pit, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , Thursday Farmers'™ Market	
2016-09-19 15:12:05.24 3645+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little People's™ Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , The Library, Town Center architecture	It's a great gathering place for the community!
2016-09-17 07:27:19.86 9187+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers'™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	

2016-09-09 20:07:59.28 9540+00:00	Horseshoe Pit, Performance Lawn, Sports Facilities , The Library, Town Center architecture	The Town Center is a beautiful setting. Thousands of people come to the Town Center to use the soccer and baseball fields and enjoy participating in outdoor activities with others in a beautiful environment. I love the view through the soccer field up in to the orchards now that the trees were taken down that were blocking the view. The rural architecture is also beautiful. The library came out really well.
2016-09-17 14:35:14.93 2130+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Little People's Park, Overall focus on sustainability, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, The Library, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-19 18:37:17.34 4505+00:00	Sports Facilities , The Library	
2016-09-17 14:47:46.03 7233+00:00	Horseshoe Pit, Performance Lawn, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers Market, Town Center architecture	Why are we "re-imagining and reinventing" a \$20 million dollar space that is less than 10 years old? It is a beautiful space designed with much input from residents at numerous design charettes and public meetings. Please do not change it and more importantly, do not spend taxpayer money on a redesign.
2016-09-17 15:12:41.44 6925+00:00		I like all the public spaces but the one of the most impressive spots is the daylighted creek. This is a special attraction for both animals and humans of all sizes. I rarely have been at the Town Center when I haven't seen someone playing in the creek-parents as well as their children. Continue to daylight the rest of Sausal Creek please.
2016-09-19 23:38:55.57 5203+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Sausal Creek, The Library, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-21 02:29:58.35 7993+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little People's Park, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers Market, Town Government	
2016-09-20 03:36:23.68 6949+00:00	Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmers Market, Town Government	I love how the town center is a friendly environment for the community. Its set up allows for many activities and easy access to move among the different buildings, fields, playground, etc

2016-09-18 04:43:23.41 3848+00:00	Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market	Soccer field is great. I use it to play almost every week. Would love to see it slightly better maintained.
2016-09-18 15:06:45.06 3725+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	I routinely use the sports facilities (adult soccer and softball - and we used the baseball field when the kids were young, and tennis courts) and the library. I now go to the Farmer's Market as often as I can, and enjoy the concerts on the performance lawn in the summer.
2016-09-20 08:37:58.30 4353+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Historic Schoolhouse, Overall focus on sustainability, Performance Lawn, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market, Town Center architecture, Town Government	
2016-09-18 21:29:58.84 4394+00:00	Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market	Love the Town Center in it's current form. I'm a frequent user of the library, the sports fields, and the Farmer's Market. All are great community facilitators! I've heard there is consideration of spending lots of money (\$1M+) making changes. Makes no sense to me. If anything, let's invest in maintaining our beautiful facilities as they are.
2016-09-20 20:27:09.24 7870+00:00	Diverse programming (classes, concerts etc.), Little Peopleâ€™s Park, Performance Lawn, Picnic Spaces, Sausal Creek, Sports Facilities , The Library, Thursday Farmersâ€™ Market	PLEASE DO NOT daylight more of the creek. We gather at Town Center several times a week and appreciate the habitat that the currently daylighted creek provides. We love the playground, library, and fields. We are great supporters of the environment, and implore you, please leave the rest of the creek underground so that our children & friends can play on the soccer & softball fields. They are small. We can't afford to lose more space. There is already a beautiful balance between recreation & natural habitat.

Town Center Master Plan

MISSION STATEMENT

Completed in 2008, the Portola Valley Town Center was designed to reflect the deep rooted Town values of open space preservation and sustainable building design. The Town Center campus serves as a community gathering place that includes a library, Town Hall, Historic Schoolhouse, Community Hall, classrooms, Maintenance Facility, open space, and parks and recreation facilities. It is also equipped to serve as an emergency operations center. Since its construction, the use of the facilities has exceeded expectations. The master planning process will address current issues and future opportunities.

The Master Plan is a long range vision for development of the Town Center campus. It identifies Town Center services and utilization, site opportunities and constraints, and sustainable design goals. The strategic plan will incorporate public input and establish a framework for development that anticipates the changing needs of the community over the next 25 years. The plan will set forth development priorities, where individual projects will be implemented through capital improvement budgeting and fundraising efforts. The plan also establishes goals and strategies to help guide future decision making on projects that would strengthen our community fabric and enhance our environmental and historic heritage.

Town Center Master Plan Guiding Principles and Goals

BUILD COMMUNITY

Reinforce and strengthen Town Center as a gathering place for the community. Ensure a safe, accessible, and welcoming place where people can connect, build relationships, and foster the exchange of ideas and plans.

SERVE COMMUNITY'S GROWING NEEDS

As the needs of the community change, adapt to potential changes by continuing to create flexible, multiuse and multipurpose spaces and recreational resources.

DEMONSTRATE SUSTAINABLE VALUES

Future uses and changes in the Town Center should demonstrate the Town's community involvement and environmental heritage. Use Town Center as a place for modeling innovative approaches to sustainability.

ENHANCE PARK-LIKE, OPEN FEEL

The Town's founders had a clear vision of the need for open space and environmental protection to maintain Portola Valley's rural character. Town Center design should emphasize natural features of the land including native vegetation, creek, and open space.

PRESERVE HISTORIC HERITAGE

Continue to promote community awareness of local history and historic resources because they are unique and valuable assets of the town.

ENCOURAGE OUTDOOR RECREATION

Promote physical activity and social/emotional health by providing recreational facilities for residents of all ages to participate in informal play, sports, and athletic events.

#6

There are no written materials for item #6 – Council Liaison Committee and Regional Agencies Reports

#7

There are no written materials for item #7 – Town Manager Report

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY DIGEST

Friday – February 24, 2017

1. Agenda (Action) – Town Council – Wednesday, February 22, 2017
2. Agenda – Architectural Site and Control Commission – Monday, February 27, 2017
3. Agenda – Historic Resources Committee – Tuesday, February 28, 2017
4. Agenda – Conservation Committee – Tuesday, February 28, 2017
5. Agenda – Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee – Wednesday, March 1, 2017
6. Agenda – Joint ASCC and Planning Commission – Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Attached Separates (Council Only)

(placed in your town hall mailbox)

1. None



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

7:00 PM – Regular Meeting of the Town Council
 Wednesday, February 22, 2017
 Historic Schoolhouse
 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028

ACTION AGENDA

7:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Councilmember Derwin, Councilmember Aalfs, Councilmember Wengert, Vice Mayor Richards and Mayor Hughes

Councilmember Aalfs absent

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Persons wishing to address the Town Council on any subject may do so now. Please note however, that the Council is not able to undertake extended discussion or action tonight on items not on the agenda.

None

PRESENTATION

1. Recognition of Cameron Jones for Participation and First Award in the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair Association's Synopsys Championship

Mayor Hughes presented Cameron Jones with a certificate of recognition

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and approved by one roll call motion. The Mayor or any member of the Town Council or of the public may request that any item listed under the Consent Agenda be removed and action taken separately.

2. **Approval of Minutes** – Town Council Meeting of February 8, 2017
3. **Approval of Warrant List** – February 22, 2017
4. **Recommendation by Administrative Services Director** – Audit and Financial Statements for FYE 06/30/16

Items 2, 3 & 4 Approved 4-0

REGULAR AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5. **Discussion and Council Action** – Town Resolution Affirming its Commitment to a Diverse, Supportive, Inclusive and Protective Community

- (a) Adoption of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley Affirming Portola Valley's Commitment to a Diverse, Supportive, Inclusive, and Protective Community (Resolution No. 2717-2017)

Adoption of Resolution Approved 4-0

6. **Discussion and Council Action** – Council Priorities Study Session

The roll forward of a few items from 2016-17 priorities list and the proposed 2017-18 priorities list were approved 4-0. Staff will provide Council with a finalized FY 2017-18 Council Priorities document for adoption in April or May.

7. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES REPORTS

Report by Town Council Members – Brief announcements or reports on items of significance for the entire Town Council arising out of liaison appointments to both in-town and regional committees and initiatives. *There are no written materials and the Town Council does not take action under this agenda item.*

Councilmember Derwin -

Attended a C/CAG Legislative Committee meeting and the February 13th ASCC meeting. She attended the first meeting of the Sustainability and Environmental Resources Committee (SERC), held on February 13th.

Councilmember Derwin attended a C/CAG Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee meeting, the

first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Housing Committee and a Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board meeting.

Councilmember Wengert –

Attended the Ad-Hoc Housing Committee meeting with Councilmember Derwin and Town Manager Dennis. She also attended a C/CAG Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Richards –

Attended the February 9th Cultural Arts Committee meeting.

Mayor Hughes –

Will attend the February 23rd PCE meeting, in absence of Councilmember Aalfs.

8. Town Manager Report

Town Manager presented slides of storm damage at upper Alpine and outside town limits of the creek at Alpine & Arastradero. ALPR item will come to Council in March. Staff managers are beginning their 2017-'18 FY budget progress. He reported on tree trimming by Woodside Fire Protection District at Alpine & Willowbrook; staff is preparing for a permanent 9/80 work schedule to begin in early April, and PG&E will begin a project of removing lead-based paint from transmission lines throughout the state.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9. Town Council Digest – February 10, 2017

None

10. Town Council Digest – February 17, 2017

None

ADJOURNMENT: 9:17 pm

ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

Copies of all agenda reports and supporting data are available for viewing and inspection at Town Hall and at the Portola Valley Library located adjacent to Town Hall. In accordance with SB343, Town Council agenda materials, released less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, are available to the public at Town Hall, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028.

SUBMITTAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

The deadline for submittal of agenda items is 12:00 Noon WEDNESDAY of the week prior to the meeting. By law no action can be taken on matters not listed on the printed agenda unless the Town Council determines that emergency action is required. Non-emergency matters brought up by the public under Communications may be referred to the administrative staff for appropriate action.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. If you challenge any proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing(s) described in this agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
ARCHITECTURAL AND SITE CONTROL COMMISSION (ASCC)
Monday, February 27, 2017
7:00 PM – Regular ASCC Meeting
Historic Schoolhouse
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028**

7:00 PM – REGULAR AGENDA*

1. Call to Order:
2. Roll Call: Commissioners Breen, Koch, Wilson, Vice Chair Sill and Chair Ross
3. Oral Communications:

Persons wishing to address the Commission on any subject, not on the agenda, may do so now. Please note, however, the Commission is not able to undertake extended discussion or action tonight on items not on the agenda.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Review of a Conditional Use Permit, Variance, Architectural Review and Site Development Permit for Willow Grove, LLC (Hallett Store) 846 Portola Road. File #37-2015 and X7D-178 (Staff: C. Richardson) (Item continued to the March 13, 2017 ASCC meeting)
5. New Business:
 - a. Study Session on Design Guidelines and Home Security Measures (Staff: D. Pedro)
 - b. Proposed Amendments to the Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance (Staff: D. Pedro)
 - c. Proposed “Clean-Up” Text Amendments to the Municipal Code Regarding Vending Machines, Basements and Scenic Corridor Setbacks (Staff: A. Cassidy)
6. Commission and Staff Reports:
 - a. Update on Portola Road Shoulder Widening Project at Town Center
7. Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2017
8. Adjournment:

*For more information on the projects to be considered by the ASCC at the Special Field and Regular meetings, as well as the scope of reviews and actions tentatively anticipated, please contact Carol Borck in the Planning Department at Portola Valley Town Hall, 650-851-1700 ex. 211. Further, the start times for other than the first Special Field meeting are tentative and dependent on the actual time needed for the preceding Special Field meeting.

PROPERTY OWNER ATTENDANCE. The ASCC strongly encourages a property owner whose application is being heard by the ASCC to attend the ASCC meeting. Often issues arise that only property owners can responsibly address. In such cases, if the property owner is not present it may be necessary to delay action until the property owner can meet with the ASCC.

WRITTEN MATERIALS. Any writing or documents provided to a majority of the Town Council or Commissions regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at Town Hall located 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA during normal business hours.

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This Notice is Posted in Compliance with the Government Code of the State of California.

Date: February 24, 2017

CheyAnne Brown
Planning Technician



Town of Portola Valley
Historic Resources Committee
Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 3:00 PM
Heritage Room / Library at Town Center
765 Portola Road
Portola Valley, CA 94028

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications
3. Approval of Minutes – Regular meeting of June 23, 2016
4. New Business
 - a. Re-confirming petty cash authorization
 - b. Hiring of a typist to digitize card file
 - c. 2017/2018 FY Budget
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

Enclosures: Minutes of June 23, 2016



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
 Conservation Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, February 28, 2017 – 7:30 PM
 Historic Schoolhouse
 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA**

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Oral Communications
3. Approval of January 24, 2016 minutes
4. Current Site Permits: Subcommittees to report
5. Old Business
 - A. Wells – Bourne
 - B. Ban on Poison bait – DeStaebler/Chiariello/Eastman/Heiple
 - C. BYH – DeStaebler revitalize?
 - D. Tip of the Month - Plunder
 - E. Kudos of the Month – Murphy
 - F. Broom Pull Sunday March 5, 2017
 - G. Monarch milkweed project
 - H. Local Native seed collection - Plunder
 - I. Committee/Town cooperation
 - a) Public Works
 1. Native plant garden
 - b) Brochure for Town Center Plantings
 - c) Long Range Planning Committee
 - d) Town Water Conservation Demo Project
 - e) Water-wise Garden Tour Sunday, April 2, 2017
 1. Table at Schoolhouse
 - f) Earth Fair Runnymede 4/22 table
 - J. Weed seedling info sheet – Heiple
 - K. Town evening on “Care of Trees” with Fire District – Plunder and Heiple
 - L. Encouraging landscape architects to consider Town guidelines from the beginning of their design process. Murphy
 - M. Relationships with HOAs
6. New Business
 - A. Woodside Fire Protection District – Fire prevention vegetative management on Upper Alpine
7. Adjournment
8. Next meeting – March 28, 2017, 7:30 pm



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – 8:15 AM
Historic Schoolhouse
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA

MEETING AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Oral Communications
3. Approve minutes from February 1, 2017 meeting
4. Sheriff's Report –
 - 1) Accidents and Citations
 - 2) Updated requests for Law Enforcement presence, as required
5. Public Works Report:
6. Committee Business
 - 1) Discuss comments received at February 1, 2017 meeting. Determine if resident and Committee issues align. Discuss potential list of topics and specific concerns based on locations, long / short term plans to prioritize for discussion.
 - 2) Next steps
7. 2017 Outreach:
 - 1) Invitation for Committee proposals for events, and collaboration with other Town facilities (e.g. PV Library)
 - 2) Town Picnic
8. Matters Arising:
9. Time & Date for April 2017 meeting:

Scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 8:15 am.
10. Adjournment



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Special Joint ASCC and Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 7:00 PM
Historic Schoolhouse
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order:
2. Roll Call: Commissioners Breen, Koch, Wilson, Vice Chair Sill and Chair Ross
3. Roll Call: Commissioners Goulden, Hasko, Von Feldt, Vice Chair Targ, Chair Gilbert
4. Oral Communications:

Persons wishing to address the Commission on any subject, not on the agenda, may do so now. Please note, however, the Commission is not able to undertake extended discussion or action tonight on items not on the agenda.

5. New Business:
 - a. ASCC and Planning Commission Training/Workshop
 1. Refresher on Town Goals
 2. Legal Framework for Decision Making
 3. Commission Procedures and Conduct
 4. Q & A
6. Adjournment:

WRITTEN MATERIALS. Any writing or documents provided to a majority of the Town Council or Commissions regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at Town Hall located 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA during normal business hours.

ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Assistant Planner at 650-851-1700, extension 211. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Town to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. If you challenge a proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those

issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing(s) described later in this agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).

This Notice is Posted in Compliance with the Government Code of the State of California.

Date: February 24, 2017

CheyAnne Brown
Planning Technician

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY DIGEST

Friday – March 3, 2017

1. Agenda – Parks & Recreation Committee – Monday, March 6, 2017
2. Agenda – Emergency Preparedness Committee – Thursday, March 9, 2017
3. Agenda – Cultural Arts Committee – Thursday, March 9, 2017
4. Month End Financial Report – December 2016
5. Month End Financial Report – January 2017
6. Monthly Meeting Schedule – March 2017
7. Calendar of Scheduled Town Events for 2017
8. Invitation to ABAG/MTC Legislative Workshop – March 22, 2017
9. Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) – Upcoming Community Workshops: March 9th & 11th

Attached Separates (Council Only)
(placed in your town hall mailbox)

1. None



Town of Portola Valley
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2017 – 7:30 pm
Historic Schoolhouse
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications (*5 minutes*)
Persons wishing to address the Committee on any subject, not on the agenda, may do so now. Please note however, the Committee is not able to undertake extended discussion or action tonight on items not on the agenda. *Two minutes per person.*
3. Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2017 (No meetings in January & February)
4. Town Center Master Plan Update
5. Survey
6. Fields Update
7. Skate Ramp
8. Picnic
9. Zots to Tots Race
10. Adjournment

Next Meeting – April 3, 2017



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Regular Meeting of the
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Thursday, March 9, 2017 - 8:00 AM
EOC / Community Hall
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028

AGENDA

1. 8:00 Call to order
 - Members: Mark Bercow, Dave Howes, Diana Koin, Anne Kopf-Sill, Dale Pfau, Chris Raanes, Ray Rothrock, Craig Taylor, Bud Trapp, Tamara Turner
 - Guests: Jeremy Dennis/Town Manager, Brandi de Garneau, John Richards/Town Council, Dan Ghiorso and Selena Brown WFPD, Mark Kuykendall/Sheriff's Office, Gary Nielsen/Sheriff Commissioner, Stuart Young/former EPC member.
2. 8:01 Oral Communications
3. 8:03 Review and approval of minutes (*February minutes were not available in time for packet distribution. The February and March minutes will be on the April agenda*)
4. 8:05 Committee Officers for 2017; need Vice Chair and Secretary
5. 8:10 CERPP/WFPD Report (Brown/Ghiorso)
6. 8:15 Town Report (de Garneau)
 - Disaster Service Worker Registration
 - Review of request to purchase CERT backpacks
7. 8:20 Committee Reports
 - Medical Subcommittee Report (Koin)
 - Communications Subcommittee Report (Rothrock)
 - Community Outreach Subcommittee Report (Turner)
8. 8:40 Second discussion on Goals for 2017; see attached
9. 8:55 Other business
10. 9:00 Adjourn. Next meeting is April 13, 2017.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Cultural Arts Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2017 - 1:00 PM
1:00 PM Historic Schoolhouse
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications
3. Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2017
4. Old Business:
 - Herb Dengler Exhibition(s)
 - Nancy Lund and Sue Crane
 - Spring Speaker Series planning
 - Assign tasks
 - Summer Concert Series planning
5. Adjournment



MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF: DECEMBER 2016

C A S H	Bank of America	\$	424,441.48
	Local Agency Investment Fund (0.60%)	\$	12,939,751.05
	Total Cash	\$	13,364,192.53

F U N D S	05 General Fund	\$3,146,205.75	<i>General Fund Assignments:</i>	
	08 Grants	13,505.88	<i>Capital Replacement</i>	\$1,400,000.00
	10 Safety Tax	(6,381.80)	<i>Unfunded Pension</i>	47,773.00
	15 Open Space	4,952,994.68	<i>Equipment Replacement</i>	200,000.00
	20 Gas Tax	4,483.46	<i>Unfunded OPEB</i>	308,280.00
	22 Measure M	(6,229.90)	<i>Legal Fee Contingency</i>	100,000.00
	25 Library Fund	358,813.14	<i>UNASSIGNED BALANCE</i>	\$1,090,152.75
	30 Public Safety/COPS	(10,409.80)	<i>* General Fund Total</i>	\$3,146,205.75
	40 Park in Lieu	32,773.22	<p><i>*NOTE: Per Adopted Budget 2016-17 General Fund total fund balance for 6/30/17 is projected at \$4.1 million.</i></p>	
	45 Inclusion In Lieu	3,482,447.00		
	50 Storm Damage	-		
	60 Measure A	109,375.34		
	65 Road Fees	-		
	75 Crescent M.D.	92,815.73		
	80 PVR M.D.	15,173.63		
	85 Wayside I M.D.	5,795.58		
	86 Wayside II M.D.	5,239.26		
	90 Woodside Highlands M.D.	205,930.02		
	95 Arrowhead Meadows M.D.	(1,799.67)		
	96 Customer Deposits	963,461.01		
	Total Fund Balance			

A C T I V I T Y R E C A P	Beginning Cash Balance:	\$	13,527,310.20
	Revenues for Month:		199,344.90
	Total Revenues for Month:		199,344.90
	Warrant List 12/14/2016	(161,054.83)	
	Warrant List 12/28/2016	(75,188.03)	
	Payroll	(124,508.68)	
	Total Expenses for Month:	(360,751.54)	
	Total JE's and Void Checks:	(1,711.03)	
	Ending Cash Balance	\$	13,364,192.53

FISCAL HEALTH SUMMARY:	
Unreserved/Spendable Percentage of General Fund (Adopted Policy is 60%)	67.98%
<i>Calculated at current GF fund balance less non-spendable funds, divided by current year budgeted operating expenditures.</i>	
Days of Running Liquidity of Spendable General Fund	291
<i>GASB recommends no less than 90 days</i>	

NOTE: General Fund assigned fund balances were approved by the Town Council on January 24, 2014. The unassigned fund balance is on the cash basis and does not include the adopted budget surplus/deficit for the fiscal year or accrued liabilities such as accounts payable or compensated absences, which are typically only accrued on June 30th of each fiscal year. This report is complete as of the last business day of the month for which it was issued. If new information arises for this or prior periods, these monthly reports will not be updated but the adjustment will be reflected in the month where the information comes to Town staff's attention.



MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF: JANUARY 2017

C A S H	Bank of America	\$	551,909.78	
	Local Agency Investment Fund (0.60%)	\$	13,939,751.05	
	Total Cash	\$	14,491,660.83	
F U N D S	05 General Fund	\$4,194,767.17		<i>General Fund Assignments:</i>
	08 Grants	13,505.88		<i>Capital Replacement</i> \$1,400,000.00
	10 Safety Tax	(3,868.93)		<i>Unfunded Pension</i> 47,773.00
	15 Open Space	4,967,104.06		<i>Equipment Replacement</i> 200,000.00
	20 Gas Tax	16,841.39		<i>Unfunded OPEB</i> 308,280.00
	22 Measure M	(7,127.84)		<i>Legal Fee Contingency</i> 100,000.00
	25 Library Fund	357,894.66		UNASSIGNED BALANCE \$2,138,714.17
	30 Public Safety/COPS	(10,409.80)		<i>* General Fund Total</i> \$4,194,767.17
	40 Park in Lieu	32,773.22		
	45 Inclusion In Lieu	3,482,447.00		
	50 Storm Damage	-		
	60 Measure A	137,069.96		
	65 Road Fees	-		
	75 Crescent M.D.	97,186.06		
	80 PVR M.D.	15,444.57		
	85 Wayside I M.D.	5,795.58		
	86 Wayside II M.D.	25,253.44		
	90 Woodside Highlands M.D.	231,249.13		
	95 Arrowhead Meadows M.D.	(1,799.67)		
	96 Customer Deposits	937,534.95		
	Total Fund Balance		\$14,491,660.83	
A C T I V I T Y R E C A P	Beginning Cash Balance:	\$	13,364,192.53	
	Revenues for Month:		1,478,162.51	
	Total Revenues for Month:		1,478,162.51	
	Warrant List 1/11/2017		(51,819.11)	
	Warrant List 1/25/2017		(167,588.16)	
	Payroll		(129,395.50)	
	Total Expenses for Month:		(348,802.77)	
	Total JE's and Void Checks:		(1,891.44)	
	Ending Cash Balance		\$	14,491,660.83

*NOTE: Per Adopted Budget 2016-17
General Fund total fund balance for
6/30/17 is projected at \$4.1 million.

FISCAL HEALTH SUMMARY:

Unreserved/Spendable Percentage of General Fund (Adopted Policy is 60%)	91.29%
<i>Calculated at current GF fund balance less non-spendable funds, divided by current year budgeted operating expenditures.</i>	
Days of Running Liquidity of Spendable General Fund	387
<i>GASB recommends no less than 90 days</i>	

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MARCH 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Note: **Unless otherwise noted below and on the agenda, all meetings take place in the Historic Schoolhouse**, located at 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA

TOWN COUNCIL – 7:00 PM (Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

PLANNING COMMISSION – 7:00 PM (Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

Council Liaison – John Richards (for months January, February, March)

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 (Special Joint Meeting of the Planning & ASCC Commissions)

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

ARCHITECTURAL & SITE CONTROL COMMISSION - 7:00 PM (Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays)

Council Liaison – Maryann Derwin (for months January, February, March)

Monday, March 13, 2017

Monday, March 27, 2017

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – 8:15 AM (Meets 1st Wednesday of every month)

Council Liaison – Craig Hughes

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

CABLE & UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING COMMITTEE – 8:15 AM (Meets 2nd Thursday in months January, May and September)

Council Liaison – Craig Hughes

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – 7:30 PM (Meets 4th Tuesday)

Council Liaison – John Richards

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE – (Meets 2nd Thursday of every month)

Council Liaison – John Richards

Thursday, March 9, 2017

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE – 8:00 AM (Meets 2nd Thursday of every month) in the EOC / Conference Room at Town Hall

Council Liaison – John Richards

Thursday, March 9, 2017

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council Liaison – Ann Wengert
As announced

GEOLOGIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – 7:30 PM

Council Liaison – Jeff Aalfs
As announced

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Council Liaison – Jeff Aalfs
As announced

NATURE AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE – 5:00 PM (Meets 2nd Thursday of every month) alternate even numbered months

Council Liaison – Jeff Aalfs

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council Liaison – Craig Hughes
As announced

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE – 7:30 PM (Meets 1st Monday)

Council Liaison – Ann Wengert
Monday, March 6, 2017

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council Liaison – Jeff Aalfs
As announced

SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 10:30 AM (Meets 3rd Monday)

in the EOC / Conference Room at Town Hall
Council Liaison – Maryann Derwin
Monday, March 20, 2017

TOWN CENTER MASTER PLAN UPDATE AD-HOC COMMITTEE – 4:00 PM

As announced

TRAILS & PATHS COMMITTEE – 8:15 AM (2nd Tuesday of every month, or as needed)

Council Liaison – Jeff Aalfs
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 – 8:15 AM



2017 Calendar of Scheduled Town Events

- ➔ **Farmers' Market** – every Thursday 2 to 6 pm DST (2 to 5 pm winter) in the Schoolhouse Parking Lot
- ➔ **Garden Share** – every Second Saturday, March to October, in the Schoolhouse Redwood Grove at 10 am (March 11 am)

Day	Date	Event	Time	Committee/Who	Where
Sun	March 5	Annual Boom Pull	9-12 pm	Conservation	SH Steps
Thur	March 9	Peninsula Clean Energy Workshop	6:00 pm	Staff	Schoolhouse
Sat	March 11	Peninsula Clean Energy Workshop	10:00 am	Staff	Schoolhouse
Tue	March 14	Lecture Series: Dr. Walter Bortz	7-9 pm	Cultural Arts	Community Hall
Sun	April 2	Eco Friendly Garden Tour	11-4 pm	Conservation/SERC	Local Homes
Sat	April 8	Lecture Series: Herb Dengler	1-4 pm	Cultural Arts	Community Hall
Sat	April 22	PV/Woodside Earth Fair	11-3 pm	Staff/Water Cons	Runnymede
Sat	April 29	Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Blitz	10 am	Planning/Woodside	Community Hall
Sat	May 6	Neighborhood Clean-Up Day	8-11 am	Staff/GreenWaste	SH Parking Lot
Tue	May 9	Lecture Series: David Cardinal	7-9 pm	Cultural Arts	Community Hall
Sat	May 13	Geology Day	1-4 pm	Nature & Science	Community Hall
Sat	May 20	Horse Fair	2-5 pm	Trails & Paths	Town Center
Sun	May 21	Trail Ride	9-12 pm	Trails & Paths	Springdown
Sat	June 3	Zots to Tots Race & Town Picnic	9-3 pm	Parks & Rec	Town Center
Thur	June 15	Summer Concert 1	6-8 pm	Cultural Arts	Town Center
Sat	June 24	Radio Field Day	8-5 pm	Emer Prep	Town Center
Thur	July 20	Summer Concert 2	6-8 pm	Cultural Arts	Town Center
Sat	August 5	Neighborhood Clean-Up Day	8-11 am	Staff/GreenWaste	SH Parking Lot
Thur	August 17	Summer Concert 3	6-8 pm	Cultural Arts	Town Center
Sat	September 9	Flight Night	4-8 pm	Nature & Science	Town Center
Sat	September 23	Star Party	7:30 pm	Nature & Science	Town Center
Sat	October 7	Neighborhood Clean-Up Day	8-11 am	Staff/GreenWaste	SH Parking Lot
Sat	October 14	Hazardous Waste Collection	8-12 pm	SMC Health	TBD
Thur	October 26	Farmers' Harvest Festival	2-6 pm	Staff/Maggie	Town Center
Fri	December 1	Volunteer Appreciation Party	6-9 pm	Staff	Community Hall
Mon	~December 4	Holiday Fair	10-4 pm	Cultural Arts	Priory

[Register Here for](#)

*The Association of Bay Area Governments
and
The Metropolitan Transportation Commission*

*Legislative Workshop
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
2:00 - 5:00 pm
Capitol Event Center
1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento*

The Legislative Workshop features State Legislators who will brief you on legislation and initiatives related to local government, land use, housing, transportation, funding, financing mechanisms, cap and trade, resilience, and climate change. Assembly and Senate Committee Chairs have been invited to speak at the workshop. Ben Metcalf, the Director of the State Housing and Community Development Agency has been invited to brief you on the Regional Housing Need Allocation process and other housing issues and updates.

*Reception Follows 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Ella Dining Room and Bar, 1131 K Street, Sacramento
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres*

[Click Here to Register](#) by Monday, March 13th

For more information contact:

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Leah Zippert at leahz@abag.ca.gov or 415/820-7995

Association of Bay Area Governments



METROPOLITAN
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UPCOMING COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Please join us for an informational meeting on Portola Valley’s new electricity provider, Peninsula Clean Energy.

In April, Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) will become Portola Valley’s electricity provider of choice, and that’s very good news. Every resident and business will have access to 100% renewable electricity, and won’t need to do a thing to make a big difference. If you’d like to learn more about PCE in Portola Valley, plan on attending one of the upcoming informational workshops. Residents of other towns and unincorporated areas are welcome too.

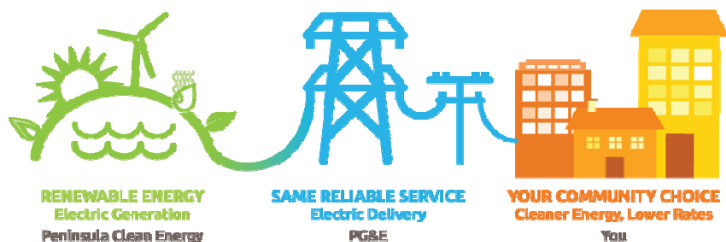
There will be two informational workshops in Portola Valley, the evening of **Thursday, March 9th at 6 pm** and the morning of **Saturday, March 11th at 10 am**. Residents with solar net metering questions are encouraged to attend the Saturday morning session. Visit www.portolavalley.net/PCE for more info!

Workshop Dates:
 Thursday, March 9th @ 6 pm
 Saturday, March 11th @ 10 am

Location:
 Historic Schoolhouse
 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley



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