



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
Monday May 20, 2019 10:30 AM to 12:30 AM
Town Hall - Conference Room
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM.

Roll Call:

Committee Members:

Present: Al Sill, Jim Lussier, Stefan Unnasch, Loverine Taylor, Mia Di Giovanni, Rebecca Flynn, Brandi de Garreaux, Maryann Derwin

Absent: Delle Maxwell,

Other Attendees: Jeff Aalfs

Oral Communications:

- Stefan: Lots of discussion on PV Forum on snakes; he's working with someone on an education effort
- Al: my smart meter seems to be going bad. Has only worked 4 days since April 24 (after almost no issues for previous 2.5 years). Eye on Water was no help, will contact Cal Water
- Loverine: Mauna Loa CO2 levels at 415ppm, not a good sign

Approval of Minutes – April 15, 2019

April 15, 2019 minutes were approved as written.

Discussion with Jeff Aalfs – Peninsula Clean Energy

Jeff presented an extensive update on Peninsula Clean Energy. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Current status: 300K accounts; 97.6% participation rate, best of any CCE; 2/3 of customers are residential but 2/3 of load is commercial
- In excellent shape financially, \$120M in reserves, good investment credit rating

- Storage is a big part of the strategy discussion now (because of the need to be able to store some energy from solar generation)
- PCE is encouraging electrification in future construction
- For future WELO / GBO subcommittee meeting, AI to invite Jeff (and potentially someone from PCE) to discuss Reach codes

Old Business:

Updates from Maryann:

Maryann

- The Countywide Water Coordination Committee will probably disband this summer after the new Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency gets started
- Some aspects of water will not be dealt with by the new agency (the Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee will still deal with some water issues and ground water will still be owned by BAWSCA)

Updates from Brandi:

- Engaged with entity that Jeff mentioned to pursue \$10K grant associated with Reach codes
- Jeff can meet with WELO / GBO subcommittee to provide us with some insight into working with Reach codes
- Some infrastructure at the Town Center is nearing end of life. Brandi is working on a plan to replace remaining gas appliances with electric
- Cal Water rate case: submitted testimony, replied to data request, continuing to fight for the smart meters

Updates from Subcommittees:

- Joint effort with Emergency Preparedness, Conservation, and Sustainability focused on fire safe landscaping (Mia and Jim): UPDATE – held discussion with Craig (emergency preparedness) and Nona (conservation). Jim distributed a draft of the Sustainability Committee position. It was well received by the committee members. A few minor tweaks were suggested. Jim will make the updates and send it out to Brandi and AI.
- Joint effort with Conservation to review and recommend updates to the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) and the Green Building Ordinance (GBO) (AI, Lovey, Rebecca, and Judy): UPDATE – Subcommittee met on April 24. We joined a webinar on Reach Codes and got some ideas on simplifying away from our Build-It-Green checklist. The Planning staff has agreed to include irrigation calculations in the text of ASCC packets rather than just in the plan set so that they are easily accessible online.
- Lecture series (Rebecca and Maryann) UPDATE – no update

- Reading Discussion group focused on sustainability (Lovey, Jim, and Judy)
UPDATE – 30 to 35 books identified; Lovey asked for help to get set up on line.
Can we get into library system?
- Smart Water Meters group focused on supporting the rate case to justify smart water meters and potentially investigating other improved approaches to getting water consumption and leak detection information to residents (subcommittee members TBD) UPDATE – no update

New Business:

Annual Report to Council:

Brandi will present the Sustainability Annual Report at the Town Council Meeting on May 22. Some of the topics she will cover include:

- The restructuring of the Sustainability Committee
- Accomplishments
- Goals and proposed budget
- Current subcommittee work

Committee members are welcome to attend.

Next Meeting – Date/Time and Topics:

Monday July 15, 2019 10:30AM to 12:30PM

Potential Topics:

- Updates from Brandi and Maryann
- Subcommittee updates

Announcements:

- Presentation “Climate Change & Global Warming – Is It Time for Geoengineering?”
Tuesday May 21 at PV Town Center
- Housing Discussion, Saturday June 1 at PV Town Center
- Wildfire Town Hall Meeting, Saturday June 22 at PV Town Center

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM