

PORTOLA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING NO. 996, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Aalfs called the Town Council's Special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Hanlon called the roll.

Present: Councilmembers Craig Hughes, John Richards, and Ann Wengert; Vice Mayor Maryann Derwin; Mayor Jeff Aalfs

Absent: None

Others: Jeremy Dennis, Town Manager
Cara Silver, Town Attorney
Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk

Attendees: Victor Schachter
Sarah Wernikoff
Rita Comes
MJ Lee
Leslie Kraus
Kristi Corley
Kim Marinucci Acker
Felicity Barringer
Emerson Swan
David Cardinal
Betsy Morgenthaler
Angela Hey
Mary Hufty
Rusty Day
Lorrie Duval
Rob Shostak

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Aalfs shared the Public Meeting Decorum Policy.

Vice Mayor Derwin expressed appreciation to all the heroes who worked behind the scenes during the critical early days of the CZU Lightening Complex fire. She acknowledged Chief Rob Lindner from the Woodside Fire Protection District; Captain Christina Corpus and her local Deputies from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office; Kevin Rose and Jeff Norris from the San Mateo County OES; Jonathan Cox from Cal Fire; the Portola Valley Public Works Team – Howard Young, Scott Weber, Chuck McAllister and Justin Bixby; Kari Chinn, Communications & Community Engagement Analyst; the Neighborhood Watch Captains; the CERPP Division Leaders; the ongoing yearlong effort by the Woodside Fire Protection District and the Town's Public Works team to clear the ladder fuels from the Town roads, and to Jeremy Dennis, the Portola Valley Town Manager, who literally worked 24/7 to make sure he had the most up-to-date information for the citizens of Portola Valley. On behalf of the entire Town Council, she thanked everyone for their unwavering dedication to keeping everyone safe in these very dark times. She said it is comforting to know that when crisis strikes the Town staff is there for the citizens.

Mayor Aalfs said due to an error in the preparation of Item 5, it will be pulled from the agenda and brought back at the September 23 meeting.

Rita Comes asked that when Item #5 is brought back to the Council it be made an Agenda item so the residents can more fully understand the changes. She said there should be a public explanation for why the disclosure categories have been changed.

Mary Hufty echoed Vice Mayor Derwin's comments. She thanked everyone for their courage. She said this kind of stress brings out the worst and best in people and those in the leadership roles have shown a lot of courage and perseverance for which all of the citizens are grateful. She applauded the wonderful work that is happening along the Alpine Scenic Corridor. She was gratified to see the Stanford forestry group is doing a sensitive job in decreasing ladder fuels along a half-mile of the Alpine Scenic Corridor, showing considerable sensitivity and respect for vulnerable flora and fauna. She said she is particularly exciting that in this extraordinary landscape of sandstone outcroppings and plateaus, Stanford is recognizing the presence of an important prehistoric site for indigenous people. She hopes to see a disclosure of how this is being done and how the investigation proceeds.

Town Manager Dennis shared an email received earlier tonight from Kristi Corley. She requested information regarding the cause of the fire that occurred near the Alpine Club last week. Town Manager Dennis said he talked to the Woodside Fire Protection District Chief earlier this evening and they do not have any information right now. Santa Clara County Fire is actually the lead agency and Town Manager Dennis will reach out to them; however, if there had been any updates, the District Chief would have had it. Town Manager Dennis said as soon as he receives information, he will share it.

(1) **PRESENTATION** – Nomination of Rebecca Flynn as Portola Valley's submission for the Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award

Mayor Aalfs described the background of this award program and the selection of Rebecca Flynn, as detailed in the staff report.

Vice Mayor Derwin said Ms. Flynn is the most extraordinary volunteer and perfect for this award.

CONSENT AGENDA

(2) **Approval of Minutes** – Town Council Regular Meeting of August 12, 2020. *[Removed from Consent Agenda.]*

(3) **Ratification of Warrant List** – August 20, 2020, in the amount of \$35,000.00. *[Removed from Consent Agenda.]*

(4) **Ratification of Warrant List** – August 26, 2020, in the amount of \$248,278.80.

(5) **Recommendation by Town Clerk** – Updating the Designated Positions and Disclosure Obligations in the Town's Conflict of Interest Code *[Removed from Consent Agenda]*

(a) A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley Designating Public Officials and Employees and their Disclosure Categories for the Town's Conflict of Interest Code (Resolution No. _____)

(6) **Appointment by Mayor** – Member to the Trails and Paths Committee

Councilmember Hughes moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #4 and #6. Seconded by Vice Mayor Derwin, the motion carried 5-0, by roll call vote.

(2) **Approval of Minutes** – Town Council Regular Meeting of August 12, 2020.

Councilmember Wengert moved to approve Consent Agenda Item #2 as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Richards, the motion carried 5-0, by roll call vote.

- (3) **Ratification of Warrant List** – August 20, 2020, in the amount of \$35,000.00. *[Removed from Consent Agenda]*

Councilmember Wengert expressed concern about the apparent late invoices and payments. Town Manager Dennis said staff shares the frustration regarding the late submission of invoices. He and Mayor Aalfs discussed the Redwood City IT bill, which was a fairly unique circumstance related to COVID work that need to be done over the last couple of months and so it came in fairly late. Town Manager Dennis said there are ongoing conversations with certain vendors to get their invoices in on time. He said this should be the last warrant list that includes Fiscal Year 19/20 items.

Vice Mayor Derwin moved to approve Consent Agenda Item #3. Seconded by Councilmember Wengert, the motion carried 5-0, by roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

- (7) **Presentation from Zonehaven** – Evacuation Planning Software

Town Manager Dennis pointed out that tonight's presentation was scheduled approximately three months ago, because Zonehaven and its partners identified September as their official kickoff to begin their community conversations. He said their tool was thrust into use due to the CZU Lightning Complex fire.

Town Manager Dennis said tonight's presentation is to introduce Zonehaven, explain what it will do for the Town, describe what actually happened during the fire, and then reach out to the community through a program called "Know Your Zone." He noted that this was a collaborative effort with all of the Fire Chiefs. Over the past month the system has been loaded with valuable additional data that only the Town can identify, such as critical infrastructure and things of that nature.

Charlie Crocker, CEO, of Zonehaven led the presentation. He explained that they were hoping to do a soft-launch presentation and a harder launch in October and then the CZU fire happened. He said this fire hit on the border of three Counties and at one point they had 134 zones that were under warning or order in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Mateo Counties. He said they had a literal trial by fire situation to bring this forward and his team has been working 24/7 supporting this. He said they have been working with all of the sheriff, police, and fire agencies across San Mateo County. He said Chief Fox and Chief Larkin from Cal Fire have been advocates for Zonehaven since the beginning, thus putting San Mateo County further ahead than any other County with everything in place and much more established. He said by the end of this fire season, Zonehaven will have at least 12 Bay Area Counties on board.

Mr. Crocker led a slide presentation describing Zonehaven's GIS platform, which provides wildfire/emergency evacuation and implementation tools to municipalities. The tool was used by Cal Fire to implement evacuations and warnings to communities in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties (and the subsequent repopulation work) for the CZU Lightning Complex fires. This tool will be used by the Town to enhance current evacuation plans, support evacuation drills, and be a tool for residents to use if evacuations are announced for Portola Valley. He said Portola Valley is split into a number of zones, and during certain evacuations, particular zones may be called out for evacuation.

Town Manager Dennis described the "Know Your Zone" campaign that will kick off later this year, as the system reaches its full capabilities.

Mayor Aalfs invited questions from the Council.

Councilmember Wengert said much of the information that came through from different agencies during the fire was redundant but some pieces were not. She asked how that would be managed. Mr. Crocker said they found during this event that there is not one community warning system across an entire incident, but there are multiple systems. He said over time those different groups should start to support and understand there can be a single point of truth and contact. He said it will be a learning process with the agencies and the citizens starting to trust the Zones and Zonehaven. He said it will be a partnership over the next couple of fire seasons to be sure they continually improve it. He said this fire and the communication that happened this time was greatly improved over the last fire and he is very proud of the progress made.

Councilmember Richards said this is the third Zonehaven presentation he has attended and said they have definitely come a long way and it looks very impressive. He said Chief Linder had described the first unofficial rollout during the fires, reporting 1,000 hits per minute on Zonehaven at one point. He asked how prepared Zonehaven is to deal with the likely overload. Mr. Crocker said they feel they have that covered now. He said when they first launched the community site there was one zone, anticipating maybe getting up to four or five zones. He said they had no idea at the time what the scale of this would become. At any one time, they had between 2,000 and 3,000 people on the site at any one time, not just over a minute, but actively on the site. He said it took Zonehaven four to six hours to address that and then it ran smoothly.

With no other questions from the Council, Mayor Aalfs invited comments from the public. He shared questions posted in the Zoom Q&A window.

Emerson Swan asked if Zonehaven was statewide or larger. Mr. Crocker said they would like it to be a statewide system but at this point it is County by County with the main focus being the Bay Area. He said they currently serve most of the Bay Area and anticipate that, due to the demonstrated success of the system, they will have the opportunity to bring this to many more Bay Area communities.

“Does the traffic data require that the cellular network be operational?” Mr. Crocker said the traffic data does require the cellular network. They also have hard copy and electronic maps that get stored on the machines for the first responders or can be printed and put in their trucks so they can still identify what zone they’re in and have access to the preplans and know where to put the traffic points and how to manage them.

Betsy Morgenthaler asked Mr. Crocker to elaborate on what was learned of interest. He said it became very clear that having a single source of truth is incredibly valuable. He said getting the same message out via all the different platforms was incredibly valuable. He said some of that was done manually in this round but will be automated in the next round. He said they did not realize how much Twitter is relied upon so have been putting more energy into that space. He said the repopulation that is occurring now occurs on a more granular scale than the evacuations because people need to be brought back in where PGE has cleared the lines, hazardous materials have been gone through, houses have been tagged regarding their safety, etc.

Betsy Morgenthaler said Comcast Wi-Fi was down in parts of Town last weekend. She asked how their communication works if people do not have their Wi-Fi. He said it’s the OES organizations that deal with the communications. He said Zonehaven can send messages through community warning systems, via radio, and a variety of methods. He said OES in some areas are putting in speaker systems or using klaxon horns.

“Does the population data for each zone come from census data?” Mr. Crocker said some comes from census, some comes from other data sources, and local agencies can add multipliers to that information based on their understanding, such as, for example, if a high school has a football game going on.

Town Manager Dennis said staff makes sure that the data Zonehaven has is valid and the fine tuning is underway.

David Cardinal: "This sounds like a great use for the Town AM radio station." Mayor Aalfs agreed.

Nan Shostak said Zonehaven is very impressive. She said she has done a lot of work with GIS and this is the most important application of a geographical information system she's ever seen. She congratulated all who have worked on it. She said she's been a resident of Portola Valley for 32 years. She is a geologist who has taught courses on earthquakes and earthquake safety and preparedness at San Jose State and is a member of the WPV Search Team. She said she is extremely concerned that Portola Valley be as prepared as possible for any emergency – earthquake, fire, landslide, flood, and power outages. She said the Town's participation in the development and implementation of Zonehaven is an important step forward. She said she is also impressed with some of the new emergency resources on portolavalley.net and encouraged other Town citizens to visit the site and sift through the impressive menu. She said, however, that the Town can do a lot more to be ready for emergencies. She agreed with the idea put forward in the July 21st letter from Portola Valley Neighbors United (PVNU) to the Town Council that the Town establish a Public Safety Officer who would be responsible for coordinating all of the organizations now involved in emergency preparedness and evacuation, such as the State, County, Town Government, volunteer committees, Fire District, CERPP, WPV Search, WPV Ready, and the neighborhood emergency response teams. She said this Town employee could also be responsible for communicating with the residents both regularly and in emergencies. She said it was demonstrated during the fire how important the Town's communications were. She said some were redundant, but it was reassuring to know there was someone on the ball and watching all the time and issuing updates every few hours. She said if the tight budget is an issue, she suggested reassigning the duties of a current employee or have the new Public Safety Officer do some fundraising and grant writing to pay for the new position. She said safety of the Town citizens is the highest priority. She thanked everyone for their time and thanked the Town Council, Town Manager Dennis, and the Town staff for their leadership.

Rusty Day, 178 Pinon Drive. Mr. Day echoed Ms. Shostak. He said this is an extremely impressive step forward and it is remarkable to see what enormous improvement can be made in the coordination and collection of information to facilitate good decision making. He said it really showed in Cal Fire's handling of the CZU fire. He said he would like to hear more about the community-facing end of this. He said he sees how this has enormous value to first responders who are jumping into a critically chaotic, unknown, and rapidly changing situation. He would like it looked at it from the perspective of the 4,500 residents of Portola Valley who are confronting an unknown, unknowable, inexplicable set of choices and challenges confronting them. In that regard, he said some of the questions that come up most importantly are if a communication system like this is dependent on the internet, what about the residents who aren't on the internet or in a power outage, such as the two in one day last week that lasted 7-1/2 hours. He said he is looking at this from the perspective of residents and not first responders, organizing the information that residents need. He said when Zonehaven posted the evacuation orders, it appeared that an evacuation order would be typically posted over a very short period of time covering a very large area, with tens of thousands of people being ordered to evacuate on a single release. He said, however, in San Mateo County there was no instruction on what route to take out of the zone to be evacuated. Santa Cruz County did give directions for the evacuation orders. He asked Mr. Crocker to elaborate on these plans.

Mr. Crocker said in the current CZU fire the evacuation orders came directly from Cal Fire. He said Zonehaven was managing the map portion but had no specific control of the content of the news release message. He understands that it is a lot of information that is difficult to consume and they have learned some about how to make that easier. He said in terms of providing directions out of a zone, it is not always clear, especially during a fire, which is the best route out. He said his personal opinion is that it's best for the Town to understand where the fire is and have a plan for potentially multiple ways out of the Zone. He said Cal Fire and the other agencies identified places to go but not how to get there. He said Pescadero High School was the first shelter and eventually the fire overwhelmed that area and they had

to close that shelter. He said in most instances Cal Fire will provide a target destination but will not necessarily provide the specific route to take.

Mary Hufty said the over-70 crowd needs the reassurance of a piece of paper that they have done what needs to be done at that stage and what is expected of them in terms of a rapid exit. She said if there is the ability to give a piece of paper to first responders, perhaps those pieces of paper could be given to the residents. Mr. Crocker said they have a very clear plan and are currently doing live research in a variety of communities to understand how they want to receive information. He said they are looking at the possibility for residents to be able to download and print evacuation routes and practice tips.

Town Manager Dennis said the Town has three Public Safety Officers – himself, Assistant to the Town Manager Brandi de Garreaux, Communications & Community Engagement Analyst Kari Chinn. He said they all have responsibilities, in some cases overlapping and backup responsibilities, in all of these issues and coordinate across the board with the partners. He said that functionality is part of what they have done for many, many years. Town Manager Dennis said in some ways the Town is fortunate that there are only so many ways in and out of town for people to understand. Clearly, in a fire situation, that may not be an advantage. He said there are two major roads in and out of Town with Arastradero coming off one of them and there are a few ways to get to those roads.

Mayor Aalfs thanked Zonehaven for their presentation and said it is a great step forward. He said a lot of people in Town and the partner agencies have done a lot of work with Zonehaven to develop this product.

(8) Report by Town Manager and Subcommittee – Update, Race and Equity Conversation

Vice Mayor Derwin provided information on four upcoming Zoom meetings with the following working titles:

- September 29 - Implicit Bias discussion cosponsored by the Portola Valley Library, based on Professor Jennifer Eberhardt's book "Biased," featuring Professor Eberhardt discussing the book.
- Tentatively set for October 19 - Policing in the Sheriff's Office, Post-George Floyd. Panelists will include Sheriff Carlos Bolanos, District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe, Capt. Christina Corpus, Rev. Lorrie Carter Owens (President of the San Mateo County Chapter of the NAACP), Kevin Allen (attorney on criminal justice panel with San Mateo County Private Defender's Office and organizer of BLM demonstration at San Mateo courts), Dez Frazier (an organizer of BLM protests in Redwood City, likely to be elected to the Redwood City Council in November) and moderated by Henrietta Burroughs (founder of the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media).
- Date TBD – BLM: No More Happy Talk, with retired Judge Ladoris Cordell, Professor Robby Luckett with Jackson State University, and Chris Bridges with the Equal Justice Society.
- Virtual event tentatively set for early 2021 – Residential Segregation in Southern San Mateo County with the help of Felicity Barringer, writer in residence at the Bill Lane Center for the American West at Stanford, previously a New York Times journalist for 28 years.

Vice Mayor Derwin recommended a webinar featuring Richard Rothstein, author of Color of Law, which can be viewed via the Bill Lane Center for the American West website.

Vice Mayor Derwin said Redwood City has commissioned an artist to paint an 800-foot mural depicting chrysanthemums and Japanese farmers. She said she learned there was a long history of Japanese immigrants in the early 1900s farming chrysanthemums in Redwood City, a driving industry until those same farmers were sent to the concentration camps from 1942 to 2945. She said Portola Valley also has

a nuanced history of immigrants and suggested that Historical Resources and Cultural Arts may want to research this.

Councilmember Richards shared a reminder about the demonstrations every Sunday at the corner of Alpine and Portola Road including after-demonstration discussions in Triangle Park. He also mentioned the books recommended by the library.

Mayor Aalfs invited questions from the Council.

Councilmember Wengert asked about any update on possible training for the Council. Vice Mayor Derwin said she would be very interested in Chris Bridges Implicit Bias training. Town Manager Dennis said he will bring back some suggestions to Council to make a choice and then schedule something.

Rita Comes said she is one of the few African-American taxpaying residents of Portola Valley. She said while it is nice to have books and outside people come to speak, her offer still stands if anyone wants to stop up at her house and have a socially-distanced cup of coffee and discussion. She invited anyone to talk to her about how it is for her in this town.

Kim Marinucci Acker, Los Trancos Woods. Ms. Acker said she is one of the co-leaders facilitating the discussion group on Sunday mornings. She suggested that the Council consider going through a land acknowledgement process and creating a statement to be part of each of its Council meetings. She said she has done this in her community. She said the U.S. Department of Arts and Agriculture has a campaign trying to get people to do this. Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, already do this. She said the United States is behind in this movement. She said this is a strategy for acknowledgement of indigenous people on the land, acknowledging the land which is part of their practices, and tell a little bit of the story behind what happened to that land. She said this is another area of this area of racial justice that could be systemically implemented as part of the Council's work. She will share the link to that campaign with the Council.

(9) **COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES REPORTS**

Councilmember Richards – Attended Emergency Preparedness meeting where they discussed Zonehaven efforts and the Chief gave a report on the fires. They discussed remote EOC software and the ongoing efforts to set up radio at Cal Water site. He attended the Conservation Committee meeting where they were very complimentary about the right-of-way work. They discussed reminding builders and owners that invasives discussed in the permit process need to be dealt with as construction continues and long after. A subcommittee was formed to research fire tolerant understory ground covers. There is an updated map now available of the plantings at the Town Center.

Councilmember Wengert – Parks and Rec has developed with the help of Town Manager Dennis and staff, a model for the kind of oversight required in the COVID environment. She said staff has spent an enormous amount of time working on the reopening of some of the Town courts and fields. She attended C/CAG Finance Committee meeting on August 26. In the November meeting they will discuss OPEB. On August 31 she and the chair met with Michelle Rodriguez, the new San Francisco Roundtable coordinator. Ms. Rodriguez has served with different roundtables and groups and a lot of experience in this type of planning and working with multijurisdictional groups.

Councilmember Hughes – Attended special Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee, where they discussed Willowbrook and Alpine parking, Windy Hill and other overflow parking from the Town trail systems. They discussed limited curb painting or signage to improve sightlines and shift where people park to make it safer. Town Manager Dennis said he discussed with Chair Holland and Public Works Director Young today regarding next steps. He said they are not assuming that everyone wants red paint on the curbs on either side of their driveways so they will send letters to all of the Willowbrook residents

and part of the median as approached from Alpine for their input. He said the Town will be waiving the nominal fee for this work. He said this opportunity could be extended to some of the properties on Portola Road as well. Town Manager Dennis said he will reach out to the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District on Friday to update their General Manager and continue the conversation about potential broader solutions to the parking issues. He said any ideas that come out of those conversations will be vetted through committees and ultimately to the Council. Councilmember Hughes also attended a Trails Committee meeting where they discussed trail conditions. The Sequoias trail has been reopened spotty off and on because of the fires. It will be closed to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to allow Sequoia residents to walk on it without disturbances. He thanked Chair Gary Hanning and the volunteers from the Trails Committee who are opening and closing that trail since they were not able to do it from a staffing perspective.

Vice Mayor Derwin – Attended San Mateo County JPA board meeting on August 14 where they received a presentation and update on the project and a presentation on the equity study for the express lanes project. They created the Equity Study Advisory Committee which will have six meetings with the feedback coming to the JPA. They will provide baseline conditions and a needs assessment report. They discussed a letter from the MTC asking for support of the Bay Area Express Lanes Performance Strategies as included in the Planned Bay Area 2050 draft. She said many felt uncomfortable with some of the things they were being asked to agree to. They reviewed the agreement between the JPA and MTA for the \$100 million loan. She attended the Resource Management and Climate Protection (RMCP) Committee meeting on August 19, where they provided an update on San Mateo County Energy Watch 2020 to 2030. There was a presentation on regional and local projects focused on existing single-family home electrification. She said she is always impressed by the work PCE is doing around equity. There were two presentations by Doug Silverstein of Burlingame who represents the non-profit Thrive. One was a proposed course for elected officials to take on sustainability concepts and policy trends, but the RMCP Committee suggested it would best be offered as a menu of choices for a Saturday marathon including things like localized case studies, politically difficult projects, and learning from experts, with environmental and social justice being the thread running through all the modules. His second presentation was on the Climate and Water Quality Impacts of Single-Use Plastics in San Mateo County. She suggested the Council have an ordinance regarding disposable food serviceware agenda. They saw a presentation of the County of San Mateo's COVID Strategic Plan and Recovery Initiative.

Mayor Aalfs – Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) had a board subcommittee meeting. They will be approaching the Town of Los Banos in Merced County to join PCE, trying to offer them a seat on the board. Los Banos is the home of the Wright Solar Park. Sun Run came to his house and he is getting an assessment for a solar plus battery system, part of the PCE program.

(10) **TOWN MANAGER REPORT** – Town Manager Dennis reported that it is anticipated that pickle ball will start up under club group rules for the all sports court by approximately September 15, with a few details still being worked out. He thanked Councilmember Wengert and Councilmember Hughes for the time they spent with staff working on the website update. The subcommittee has selected the look and feel and intense work will begin for staff over the next couple of months, going through every item on the website. Town Manager Dennis said what the Town had in place regarding communications during the CZU fire worked quite well. He appreciated the feedback received from residents related to communication. He said the information put out is fairly repetitive but they want people to hear the same information again and again if it's still relevant. He said the line of communication between his staff, the Woodside Fire Protection District, and the Town of Woodside was outstanding. He said citizens are certainly happy to hear from the Fire Chief. He said they were very long days trying to disseminate information as much as possible. He appreciated Capt. Corpus's heavy involvement in conversations around what an evacuation would look like with the current plans. He said it was incredibly hot in town and power was going out. He said the Town would love to be able to provide cooling stations where possible. He said the facilities don't allow that with, for instance, the community hall not having air conditioning. He said he is discussing the matter with other community partners and one seems

interested in providing that amenity should it be needed in the future. He provided an update on the Town's fire mitigation efforts. He hoped people have noticed the considerable work done over the last 11 months on Alpine, Portola, Westridge, and other roads in town that have either a relationship to evacuation routes or emergency infrastructure, which will continue for the foreseeable future. He said one of the major recommendations from the Wildfire Preparedness Committee was to update the Town's Building Code to reflect home hardening efforts. Town Manager Dennis said that effort is underway and they are working with a building official to help prepare. He will have an update meeting on Friday. He said they hope to have this to Council for a vote by the end of the year. Town Manager Dennis shared updates on bills currently before the Governor and some that did not make it to the Governor's desk. Three significant bills died this year – SB-50, SB-1120, and SB-1085. He said two bills did get through – AB-725, which would allow and require cities through the RHNA process to plan for more duplex and triplex housing, and AB-69, which gives increased opportunities for loans and funding for ADUs. Town Manager Dennis asked if a more in depth conversation may be agendaized regarding this bill. Vice Mayor Derwin said she doesn't know how to react to that bill until the RHNA numbers are known. Town Manager Dennis said the process is ongoing and they have not yet received any formal numbers, but he can informally say they are quite a bit higher with early estimates above 200 and may be even higher. Town Manager Dennis said he will meet with the new Executive Director to the San Francisquito Creek JPA on Monday. Town Manager Dennis said he has been working with the new intern, Brandon Alvarez, and have been working on the creation of a teen committee. Town Manager Dennis said the Town does not have an official mechanism to hear from youth voices, but a body for teens and run by teens is near and dear to his heart. He said there has been great communication with the library, the Priory, and the Sequoia Union High School District that will help make this sustainable. He hopes to bring something to the Council in the coming weeks.

Mayor Aalfs invited questions for Town Manager Dennis.

Kristi Corley asked regarding how AB-2345 will affect Portola Valley. Town Manager Dennis said he did not have a definitive answer. Town Attorney Silver said this bill has not been on her watch list and has not been touted as a new development and density bonus law, which leads her to believe it is probably a clean-up to last year 100% affordable density bonus provision, which was a new substantive development. She will review it more closely.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

(11) **Town Council Digest** – August 13, 2020

None.

(12) **Town Council Digest** – August 20, 2020

None.

(13) **Town Council Digest** – August 27, 2020

None.

(14) **Town Council Digest** – September 4, 2020

None.

ADJOURNMENT [8:59 p.m.]

Mayor Aalfs adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

Town Clerk