



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Special Conservation Committee
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 – 2:00 PM
Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications
3. Approval of Minutes for November 2020
4. Site Permits -
 - a. Authorization for subcommittee for approval (Appendix C)
 - b. Stanford Wedge – Update
 - c. Neely Winery
 - d. Revision of boilerplate (Appendix A)
5. Old Business
 - a. Goals for 2021 – (Appendix B)
6. New Business
 - a. Election of officers for 2021 – chair, vice-chair, secretary
7. Adjournment
8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 2:00 pm via Zoom

Appendix A

BOILERPLATE FOR SITE REPORTS - REVISED DECEMBER 2020

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Care of our Native Oaks – Coleman, Murphy
Guide to Town Center plantings brochure– Chiariello

Largely done, but may need to reactivate:

- Weed seedling Information Sheet – Heiple/Plunder
- Town Owned properties Comprehensive Plan – Murphy, Magill

APPENDIX C

The Committee authorizes site visit subcommittees duly appointed by Chair to review plans, visit site, discuss, and write preliminary report for that site. Reports on site plans that are simple, straightforward and non-controversial or where time is of the essence will go to the Chair, who will review, edit and submit to the Town Planning Department. Any plans that are complex, problematic or potentially controversial shall be brought to the whole committee at a scheduled public meeting for review and comment before preliminary report is sent to the Chair.

NOVEMBER 2020 MINUTES DRAFT

Conservation Committee Special Zoom meeting Agenda October 27, 2020

Present: Chiariello, Coleman, DeStaebler, Heiple, Magill, Murphy, Plunder, Stromeyer (from Argentina!), Walz

Absent: John Richards, Council liaison

Also Present:; Jeremy Dennis, Town Manager; Alex Kawaja, student representative;
Guests –Caroline Vertongen, Claire Jernyk

1. Call to Order 2:02
2. Oral communications
 - a. Murphy reports: Bay Visions Symposium 1/13/21 on line. The Power of Plants Will Protect the Bay. Adaption, regeneration and the role plants play in mitigating the challenges facing SF Bay. Sponsored by a consortium of bay area garden clubs. Will send flyer to members.
 - b. Murphy reminds members of Town Council workshop for Committees 1/27/21 (?time) – all members invited to attend.
 - c. Increasingly we see dense water needy plants being planted under oak trees. Murphy suggests we agendize and resume creating a document on Care of Your Oaks that was begun in March 2011.
 - d. Vertongen expresses concern about 1. the lack of coordination between committees 2.the possibility that flashing beacons will be installed on Alpine and Portola Roads for traffic safety despite not being approved by ASCC and 3. lack of access to the Fire Safety map produced by Moritz for the 2010 Fire Safety Ad Hoc committee. Plunder responds that the 2010 plan and map are out of date and being updated by the current Ad Hoc Fire Safety committee. Fire concerns should be taken to that committee. Murphy responds that flashing beacons have never come to us for review; if she wants us to opine she should provide us with relevant information and I will put on agenda.
 - e. Plunder expresses concern that staff regard for CC may be slipping; she references 2 recent events – failure to include all the pertinent information re 880 Westridge in the materials given to us, and the failure to include our report in the packet put together for the Spring Ridge Winery request.
 - f. Jeremy Denis joined us for a frank discussion of several issues and answered our questions.
 - i. Our request for a change to the protected trees list is because it requires a code revision, which is a complicated process. Denis is willing to work on this if it is a priority for us.
 - ii. Our suggestion for increased control of invasives on construction lots will be looked at along with a more extensive review of other

things ASCC would like to see changed. The possibility of longer term requirements is being investigated.

- iii. Our concerns that legally required quick staff only review of ADUs doesn't allow for sufficient consideration of landscaping issues. We understand we cannot legally review, and staff cannot deny for those reasons, but in the spirit of educating the homeowner about the local environment, climate and culture, suggestions might be made.
 - iv. Our request for a process that will ensure Public Works follow up cutting back of suckers on Eucalyptus and acacias after the town has cut them down. Currently committee gets tasks like this done only after repeated nagging. It seems there is no use of scheduling software that would bring tasks like this to the table as they need to be done. We would like this cost effective maintenance to be proactive rather than reactive, and to set a better example for residents on how to handle this sprouting problem. Denis explains this is another situation where it would be desirable to do this, but there are not sufficient time and manpower resources to do it. He suggests we might create a yearly calendar for Public Works.
 - v. Frog Pond Road Remnant update: at Council meeting 12/9 staff will present to Council several alternative ways to proceed to make this a reality.
3. Unanimous approval of Minutes for October 27.
 4. Site permits –
 - a. Neely Winery – our original report was included in the latest packet. There is no formal landscaping plan because they express no intention to landscape other than a few Toyons for screening. New submission expresses a preference for Parking Plan B which was our preference. They now plan to have the overflow parking on unsurfaced area.
 - b. 880 Westridge has been withdrawn. Murphy offered to send to landscape architect our unsent report on the property after we learned about the conservation easements.
 - c. Portola Road firehouse will be coming back to us with a revised landscaping plan.
 - d. revised boilerplate (see Appendix B) deferred till January
 5. Tree Permits –
 - a. Suggestions for revision reviewed. The fact that Manzanitas are not low fire risk was discussed. They should be cleared from near houses and not planted in new landscaping, but the committee felt it was still important to protect the ancient beautiful valuable for habitat specimens. (See Appendix C). Denis explains that the delay is because this requires a code revision which is not a simple process. See 2.f.i.
 6. Old Business
 - a. Oversight of Significant Town Owned Properties.
 - i. Spring Down - webcam for Pond is in Public Works budget for this year. It will be installed in the spring. Nona will send Young contact

information for the person who manages the Jasper Ridge webcams.

- ii. Town Center –
 - 1. Brochure will be submitted for inclusion on our page of the Town web site.
 - 2. Walz has completed tagging all the trees at Town center and has made both a map and as spread sheet with the information. He will distribute this to us after Young has seen it.
 - iii. Frog Pond – see 2.f.v.
 - iv. Triangle Park – nothing new
 - v. Ford Field – deStaebler reports substantial ground squirrel activity between the field and the trail. Perhaps because decreased use of rodenticides? Live trapping is most effective.
 - vi. Rosottis Field -deStaebler reports brush cuttings are piled along the trail between the field and tennis courts.
 - vii. ROW: request to Council for scheduled follow-up of resprouting trees. (Appendix A) See 2.f.iv
 - b. Committee/Town cooperation
 - i. Public Works – Coleman reports Public Works is busy with fall trail maintenance, fallen trees and culvert clearing
 - ii. Sustainability and Environmental Resources Committee – Murphy - nothing to report
 - iii. Trails –. Special meeting of Trails on 12/1 to discuss the 3rd round submittal of the Stanford Wedge project.
 - iv. Open space – Chiariello nothing to report
 - v. Fire Ad Hoc – Plunder
 - 1. Low Fire Hazard Native Plant list was completed and approved at the last special meeting on 11/23. It will be given to AdHoc Fire committee and also added to CC page on Town web site. Many thanks to those who worked hard on this for more than a year, and to Megan Richards who added valuable information at last meeting. (Appendix F)
 - vi. Nature and Science – Murphy reports this committee is undergoing re-organization.
 - c. Milkweed/Monarchs – Gibson Anderson, Heiple, Kawaja
 - d. Tip of the Month – Magill : Planning your fire safe garden – roll out of Low Fire Hazard Plant list.
 - e. What's blooming now - Magill
 - f. Kudos - Plunder
 - g. What are our Singing Frogs doing now? Heiple reports that although the rains have begun, until there has been sufficient rain to create pools of water, the frogs will not migrate back to the Pond and begin their mating calls.
 - h. Predators / Rodenticides – nothing new.
7. New Business
- a. 2021 Membership. After decades of numerous valuable contributions, including initiating and overseeing the Backyard Habitat Program, Marge

deStaebler will be retiring. After 2 years of hard work and pragmatic input, because of relocation to Patagonia for half of the year and responsibilities to her aging parents in Europe, Katharina Strohmeyer is retiring. Huge thanks to both who will be sorely missed. We will have a big GoodBye party when we can once again gather. Election of officers at January meeting.

- b. Dittrichia control on construction sites. (Appendix D) See 2.f.ii
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Appendix A

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Conservation Committee proposes that Public Works establish a scheduled follow-up pruning of the regrowing suckers every 3 to 6 months for several years after tree removal as well as painting the fresh cuts with Round-up to reduce sprouting. With time, the tree will give up. Within one year the regrowth can reach 10 feet in height. If sucker removal is delayed for several years the suckers provide food and energy to the root system and the trees continue unchecked re-growing multi-trunked to substantial heights.

Modern planning software would make this very easy. Conservation Committee would be happy to advise with the creation of such a schedule.

Appendix B

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Goals of report:

- 1. Guide ASCC in issuing conditions for approval of permits**
- 2. Educate residents about site appropriate landscaping and plants.**

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APPENDIX C

Revised List of Significant Trees / Shrubs
 PROPOSED – Feb 24, 2020

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Add	Coastal Scrub Oak (<i>Quercus dumosa</i>)	6.3"	2.0"
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Appendix D

Planning Dept boilerplate conditions:

Current wording:

#3 Special attention shall be taken to keep invasive plant materials from entering the project site on construction equipment. Existing invasive plants shall be removed from the project site prior to final inspection.

Suggest change to:

Existing invasive plants shall be removed before they seed from the project site once the building or demolition permit has been issued, prior to beginning grading, demolition, or construction, yearly during prolonged construction, and prior to final inspection and for 2 years following completion.

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APPENDIX F

Low Fire Hazard California Native Plant list - Portola Valley Conservation Committee					Version 24 Nov 2020
Common name	<i>Scientific name</i>	Local Native	Light requirement	Comments	
Local native plants are California natives currently found in or likely to become naturalized in Portola Valley habitats					
Some species of listed plants are very sensitive to local conditions; before selecting plants, carefully check their suitability for the intended location					
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Many of the listed plants can be found in the Portola Valley Town Center demonstration gardens					
Trees					
California Buckeye	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Madrone	<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	yes	sun, part shade	difficult to plant or transplant	
Oak, Coast Live	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Oak, Blue	<i>Quercus douglasii</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Oak, Black	<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Oak, Valley	<i>Quercus lobata</i>	yes	sun		
Oak, Canyon Live	<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Oak, Interior Live	<i>Quercus wislizeni</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Trees, Riparian					
Coast Redwood	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	yes	sun or shade		
Maple, Big Leaf	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Oregon Ash	<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Willow, Arroyo	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	yes	sun		

Willow, Red	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	yes	sun	
Willow, Sandbar	<i>Salix exigua</i>	yes	sun	
Willow, Scouler's	<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	yes	sun	
Willow, Shining	<i>Salix lasiandra</i>	yes	sun	
Willow, Sitka	<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	yes	sun	

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Shrubs					
	Beargrass	<i>Nolina bigelovii</i>	no	sun	
	Blue Witch	<i>Solanum umbelliferum</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Island Bush Poppy	<i>Dendromecon harfordii</i>	no	sun	
	Bush Poppy	<i>Dendromecon rigida</i>	yes	sun	
	California Lilac	<i>Ceanothus</i> spp.	yes	sun	short lived; difficult to transplant
	Coffeeberry	<i>Frangula californica</i> (<i>Rhamnus californica</i>)	yes	sun, part shade	
	Chaparral Currant	<i>Ribes malvaceum</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Holly-leaved Cherry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Lemonade Berry	<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	no	sun, part shade	
	Mountain Grape	<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>	no	sun, part shade	
	Parry's Nolina	<i>Nolina parryi</i>	no	sun	native to Ca deserts
	Pacific Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum chilense</i>	yes	sun, part shade	tendency to spread
	Pacific Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron macrophyllum</i>		part shade	evergreen
	Silk Tassel Bush	<i>Garrya elliptica</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
	Spiny Redberry	<i>Rhamnus crocea</i>	yes	sun, part shade	

	Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	yes	shade, part shade	
	Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	yes	sun, part shade	deciduous
	Western Azalea	<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	yes	part shade	
	Western Redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	yes	sun, part shade	

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Wood Rose	<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Bush Anemone	<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	no	part shade		
Sugar Bush	<i>Rhus ovata</i>	no	sun, part shade		
St. Catherine's Lace	<i>Eriogonum giganteum</i>	no	sun		
Coast Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum latifolium</i>	yes	sun		
Golden Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum luteolum</i>	yes	sun		
Nude Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum nudum</i>	yes	sun		
Slender Woolly Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum gracile</i>	yes	sun		
Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum arborescens</i>	no	sun		
Summer Holly	<i>Comarostaphylis diversifolia, Comarostaphylis planifolia</i>	no	sun, part shade		
Shrubs, Riparian					
Blue Elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
California Barberry	<i>Berberis pinnata</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Creek Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Flowering Currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum</i>	yes	sun, part shade		
Mock Orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	no	sun, part shade		

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Ground Covers, Perennials and Bunchgrasses				
Beach Aster	<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Beach Strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Bearberry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> <i>Penst. eatonii</i> , <i>Penst. monrovia</i>	no	sun	
Blue Eyed Grass or Grass Iris	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	yes	sun	
California Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus californicus</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
California Fescue	<i>Festuca californica</i>	yes	sun, part shade	cut back annually; irrigate
California Fuchsia	<i>Epilobium canum</i>	yes	sun	
California Goldenrod	<i>Solidago californica</i>	yes	sun, part shade	invasive
California Poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	yes	sun	
Checkerbloom	<i>Sidalcea malviflora</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Common Lippia	<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>	no	sun	
Common Thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>	yes	sun	
Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	no	sun, part shade	
Coreopsis	<i>Leptosyne</i> spp.	no	sun	
Coyote Mint	<i>Monardella villosa</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Creeping Oregon Grape/Dwarf Mahonia	<i>Berberis aquifolium var repens</i>	no	sun, part shade	invasive by underground runners
Creeping Sage	<i>Salvia sonomensis</i>	no	sun, part shade	prune vigorously to remove dead material
Creeping Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos mollis</i>	yes	part shade	
Crevice Alumroot	<i>Heuchera micrantha</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Deer Grass	<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	no	sun	cut back annually; irrigate
Dudleya	<i>Dudleya cymosa</i>	no	sun	

Foothill (Sanddune) Wallflower	<i>Erysimum capitatum</i>	yes	sun	
Golden Yarrow	<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>	yes	sun	
Gumplant	<i>Grindelia stricta</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Hummingbird Sage	<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	yes	shade, part shade	needs moisture

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Ithuriel's Spear	<i>Triteleia laxa</i>	yes	sun	
Lizard Tail	<i>Eriophyllum staechadifolium</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Lupine	<i>Lupinus formosus, Lup. albiflorus</i>	yes	sun	
Red Fescue	<i>Festuca rubra</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Spreading Rush	<i>Juncus patens</i>	yes	sun	
Sticky Monkeyflower	<i>Diplacus aurantiacus (Mimulus a.)</i>	yes	sun	
Yellow Stonecrop	<i>Sedum spathulifolium</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Western Sword Fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	yes	part shade	
Western Bleeding Heart	<i>Dicentra formosa</i>	yes	part shade	
Western Columbine; Crimson Columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
White Brodiaea	<i>Triteleia hyacinthina</i>	yes	sun	
Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Wood Strawberry	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yes	sun	
Yelloweyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Yerba Buena	<i>Clinopodium douglasii (Satureja douglasii)</i>	yes	part shade	

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Bulbs, tubers, vines				
Iris, Central Coast	<i>Iris longipetala</i>	yes	shade, part shade	
Iris, Douglas	<i>Iris douglasii</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Iris, Fernald's	<i>Iris fernaldii</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Iris, Ground	<i>Iris macrosiphon</i>	yes	sun, part shade	
Pink or Hairy Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	yes	sun, part shade	leggy and vigorous spreader
Star Lily	<i>Toxicoscordion fremontii</i> (<i>Zigadenus fremontii</i>)	yes	sun	poisonous