



Town of Portola Valley
Nature and Science Committee Special Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 5:00 PM

Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom

VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

Remote Meeting Covid-19 Advisory: On March 17, 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order N- 29-20, suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings telephonically or by other electronic means. Pursuant to the statewide Shelter-In-Place Order issued by the Governor in Executive Order N-33-20 on March 19, 2020, and the CDC's social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, Portola Valley Town Council meetings are being conducted electronically. The meeting is not available for in-person attendance.

Members of the public may attend the meeting by video or phone linked in this agenda.

Join Zoom Video Meeting:

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1-669-900-6833

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Meeting ID: 975 3001 4879

Password: 047761

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Committee members Andrew Browne, Brook Coffee, Bonnie Crater, Pamela Dorrell, and Yvonne Tryce
3. Oral Communications
4. Approval of April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes
5. Review of previous programs: Black Holes and April Wildflowers Accessibility of and Status of videos
6. Discuss planned programs: Wildflower series for May through August Ticks and Lyme Disease in May Predicting Earthquakes in June Saving Arctic Ice in July Oak and other Galls in August
7. Discuss options for Fall programs: Where should they be held? Ideas for future programs?
8. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:17pm.

2. Roll Call:

Attending Committee members:, Brook Coffee, Bonnie Crater, and Yvonne Tryce. Absent: Andrew Browne Pamela Dorrell and Zephyr “Devon” Quirk.

Town Council Advisor: Jeff Aalfs.

3. Oral Communications. None.

4. Discuss logistics of the Video Nature and Science Series

a. Checklist for PV Science Series hosted on Zoom:

- Check town calendar for dates (allow 4-8 weeks in advance)
- Secure speaker for several available dates
- Check with Kari Chinn to coordinate the dates / email: Kchinn@portolavalley.net
- Complete Committee Event Reservation Form
(<https://www.portolavalley.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=5962e>)
 - Fill out form
 - Date
 - Start Time
 - End Time
 - Contact Number
 - Publicity: On PV Forum, on Calendar
 - Signed by Committee Chair
 - Signed by Town Manager
- Get confirmation for the date / time (usually from Kari)
- Complete [publicity form](#) and send to Kari (confirm that this works for online publicity)
Create some advertising copy with picture of speaker or image
- Kari will send the zoom link
- Prepare
- Run Science Video
- Record Zoom to the cloud
- Ask Kari to publish on Nature and Science Committee web page.

b. Proposed PV Science Series events.

- **Late March or Early April – PV Science Speaker Series**
Roger Romani, Astrophysics Professor at Stanford: Black Holes
Host: Brooke Coffee
- **April – April 20th is Earth Day - PV Science Speaker Series**
Leslie Field, Artic Ice Project: Protecting Artic Ice
Host: Pamela Dorrell

- **April**
Dan Green – Wildflower Wednesdays!
Host: Brooke Coffee
- **May – Lyme Disease Awareness Month**
Speaker TBD: Ticks: What you need to know
Host: Bonnie Crater
- **May**
Dan Green – Wildflower Wednesdays!
Host: Brooke Coffee
- **August**
Speaker Paul Heifl: Galls – unusual formations on Oaks
Host: Devon Quirk

5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.