



Town of Portola Valley
Nature and Science Committee Special Meeting
Thursday, August 12, 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.

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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 July 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes
5. Review July programs: publicity, quality, attendance, status of video (Artic Ice and Wildflowers)
6. Status upcoming August/September Programs: Wildflowers and Paul Heiple on Galls (Sept 20)
7. Discuss in person climate change event to be scheduled – November or January?
8. Discuss updates on Nature Center on Hawthorns by MROSD and what action to take at this time
9. Adjournment

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Nature and Science Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 8, 2021 – 5:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Committee members Andrew Browne, Brook Coffee, Bonnie Crater, Pamela Dorrell, Yvonne Tryce and Town Council Liaison Jeff Aalfs.

3. Oral Communications. None

4. Approval of May 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes. Approved unanimously.

5. Update on [Speaker Series](#) program status: publicity, quality, attendance, status of video

- Arctic Ice Project July 22 – Pamela is hosting the zoom with Leslie Fields. Waiting for Kari Chinn to send out the notification. Bonnie will monitor.
- Wildflower Series July 29 – Brook to host the zoom with Dan Quinn. Pamela to monitor.
- Wildflower Series August 26 – Brook to host the zoom meeting with Dan Quinn. Pamela to monitor.
- Galls on August 10 – Andy to host the zoom with Paul Heiple. Pamela to monitor and run zoom. Paul will consider putting together a “gall sheet” for attendees. Pamela will assist in sheet creation. Possible follow up.

8. Discuss ideas for future programs. Suggestions already include Fungi, Drought, SLAC, Ferns, and Orchids.

The committee discussing online vs. in person programs. The committee discussed recommendations for climate change event in person in early November. Yvonne to research the previously proposed water project and send information to the group. Bonnie to look for a date Sunday afternoons 1-4pm. Ideas on water, shower to flower, flower bombs.

9. Discuss updates on Nature Center on Hawthorns by MROSD and what action to take at this time. A possible new building on the Hawthorns property.

The committee discussed sending a representative from the committee to the next MidPen meeting about the Hawthorns property. Date TBD.

<https://www.openspace.org/our-work/projects/hawthorns-public-access>

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10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.