

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY DIGEST

Thursday – February 10, 2022

1. Agenda – Architectural & Site Control Committee – Monday, February 14, 2022
2. Agenda (Canceled) – Parks & Recreation Committee – Tuesday, February 15, 2022
3. Agenda – Trails & Paths Committee – Wednesday, February 16, 2022
4. Agenda (Canceled) – Planning Commission – Wednesday, February 16, 2022
5. Agenda – Sustainability Committee – Thursday, February 17, 2022
6. Email from B. Blum re Suspend SB-9 lot splits
7. Email from C. Vertongen re Cal Water, Fire Hydrants, and Fire Prevention

Attached Separates (Council Only)

(placed in your Town Hall mailbox)

1. Notice from County of San Mateo Superior Court re Grand Jury Selection



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

4:00 PM – Architectural Site Control Commission Meeting
Monday, February 14, 2022

**THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS BEING HELD
VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY**

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Remote Meeting Covid-19 Advisory: On September 16, the Governor signed AB 361, amending the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) to allow legislative bodies to continue to meet virtually during the present public health emergency. AB 361 is an urgency bill which goes into effect on October 1, 2021. The bill extends the teleconference procedures authorized in Executive Order N-29-20, which expired on September 30, 2021, during the current COVID-19 pandemic and allows future teleconference procedures under limited circumstances defined in the bill. Portola Valley Town Council and commission and committee public meetings are being conducted electronically to prevent imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. 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.

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Remote Public Comments: Meeting participants are encouraged to submit public comments in writing in advance of the meeting. Please send an email to suzannea@csgenqr.com by 12:00 PM on the day of the meeting. All comments received by that time will be distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting. All comments received are included in the public record.

We encourage anyone who has the ability to join the meeting online to do so. You will have access to any presentations that will be shown on your screen and can easily ask questions using the “raise your hand” feature when the Chair calls for them.

4:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners Cheung, Koch, Sill, Vice-Chair Wilson, Chair Ross

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Persons wishing to address the Architectural and Site Control Commission on any subject not on the agenda may do so now. Please note however, that the Architectural and Site Control Commission is not able to undertake extended discussion or action tonight on items not on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Architectural Review of an application to rebuild and upgrade an existing pump station located off Sioux Way, File # PLN_ARCH0014-2021, APN 077-310-030, California Water Service (S. Avila)

COMMISSION, STAFF, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair
3. Commission Reports
 - a. Update on Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee (Commissioner Sill)
4. Staff Report
 - a. Update on Safety Element (L.Russell)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. ASCC Meeting of October 11, 2021
6. ASCC Meeting of January 10, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

For more information on the projects to be considered by the ASCC at the Special Field and Regular meetings, as well as the scope of reviews and actions tentatively anticipated, please contact Carol Borck in the Planning Department at Portola Valley Town Hall, 650-851-1700 ex. 211. Further, the start times for other than the first Special Field meeting are tentative and dependent on the actual time needed for the preceding Special Field meeting.

Any writing or documents provided to a majority of the Town Council or Commissions regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at Town Hall located 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA during normal business hours. Copies of all agenda reports and supporting data are available for viewing and inspection at Town Hall.

ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Planning Department at (650) 851-1700. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Town to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. If you challenge any proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing(s) described in this agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the Architectural and Site Control Commission at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).



Town of Portola Valley
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 – 7:30 pm

MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, has been canceled. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee is Tuesday, March 15, 2022.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Trails and Paths Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 9:00 AM

Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

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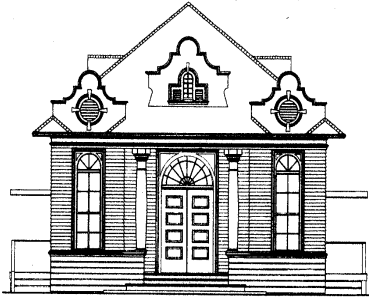
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1. Call to Order
2. Oral/Community Communications
3. Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2022, meeting
4. Old Business
 - a. Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget for January 2022: Howard update/discussion
 - b. Cherokee Trail Sign Change/Addition to correspond to trail/path easements: Group - continue discussion/recommendation
 - c. Alpine Trail/Safe Route to Schools Subcommittee: Group – discussion/update
 - d. PV Trail Map Subcommittee: Group – discussion/update
6. New Business
 - a. 3915 Alpine Road – Alpine Inn – PG&E equipment installation project: Group – review/discussion/comments to planning department
 - b. PV Donates – 2022 project recommendations
6. Other Business
 - a. 2022 Horse Fair: Group - discussion
7. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting is March 16, 2022



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
7:00 PM – Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Historic Schoolhouse
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028

NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

**PORTOLA VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
REGULARLY SCHEDULED FOR**

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Portola Valley Planning Commission meeting regularly scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022 has been cancelled.

The next regular meeting of the Portola Valley Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 17, 2022 7:00 PM
Special Videoconference Meeting

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications
3. Introductions
4. Approval of 1-20-2022 Minutes
5. Old Business **Italics denotes the primary focus anticipated for the meeting*
 - a. Updates from Maryann
 - b. Updates from Brandi
 - c. Updates by Subcommittees, if any
 - d. Website Progress Updates, if any
 - i. Scott/Walt – Climate Change and Energy
 - ii. Rebecca – Water
 - iii. Stefan – Transportation
 - iv. Volunteers for Waste, Clean Air and Dark Sky/Light Pollution
 - e. Upcoming seminar for April
 - f. *Develop sustainability inputs to checklist to be used with ADUs, as input to Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee of Committees**
 - g. *Any other feedback fro Committee of Committees**
6. New Business
 - a. Projects Sustainability Committee would recommend for PV Donates
7. Next Meeting and Proposed Agenda Topics: March 17 , 2022, 7 pm
 - a. Committee priorities for the next year
8. Adjournment

Sharon Hanlon

From: Town Center
Subject:

-----Original Message-----

From: barb blum
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 12:59 PM
To: Town Center <TownCenter@portolavalley.net>
Subject: Cougars

Dear Town Coucilmembers,

I respectfully ask that you enforce state law and suspend SB-9 lot splits until Fish & Game have made a decision on placing our mountain lions on the endangered species list. Development is seriously threatening their habitat up and down California, and the peninsula is no exception. I would hate to see the demise of the elusive and impressive cougar.

Thank you,
Barb Blum

Sharon Hanlon

From: Town Center

From: caroline Vertongen

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 1:04 PM

To: Town Center <TownCenter@portolavalley.net>

Cc: Sarah Wernikoff <swernikoff@portolavalley.net>; Craig Hughes <chughes@portolavalley.net>; Jeff Aalfs <JAalfs@portolavalley.net>; Maryann Moise Derwin <mderwin@portolavalley.net>; John Richards <jrichards@portolavalley.net>

Subject: Issues with Cal Water/fire hydrants/ and fire prevention

Good evening Chair Tomars and members of the Wildfire Prep committee,

I hope you get this email well. Last email to Vice Chair Pfau was intercepted by Jeremy Dennis and I needed to confirm that the email was not sent to him but to the Wildfire Preparedness Committee

First of all I would like to thank you all for the time you spend to ensure the safety of our community. I hope your efforts are geared towards "fire and wildfire prevention"

Town council relies on "resiliency" and sadly enough has failed to uphold the guidelines of our General Plan and failed repeatedly to take action when residents expressed their concerns.

Thank you for requesting Mr. Moritz to present his thorough study and findings.

Our General Plan, Safety Element and other guidelines referenced this map and findings since 2009- We, PV residents, have addressed our concerns at Emergency preparedness meetings, meetings with Fire department officials, Town Council and staff for many years

Water supply, water quality, and water pressure have also been the concerns of many residents for many years. We have spoken at Town Council meetings, Emergency Preparedness meetings, sent many emails to staff and other officials like our fire department, CalWaterand got the runaround. I have no other choice but to involve CUPC because it is just ridiculous ...

Please review the Town Council minutes of January 26 included in the package for this upcoming Town Council meeting. My concerns were addressed to the Sustainability Committee and was dismissed according to Council member Derwin, but I have not gotten a response from Mr Unnash, who at the time was listed as Chair (I guess my email prompted town staff to update their website). I had intended to attend that meeting, but I could not at the last minute so I do not really know at this time what happened.

Again Town staff did not include all information I have sent to them over the years - there's is study from CalWater showing that the water pressure at the hydrants on Palmer Lane were as low as 29 PSI - and I had submitted pictures to show how damaged our infrastructure is - Palmer Lane is one of the newer streets in Portola Valley, but like many other residents in town we have addressed the issues with our water pressure, fire hydrants, and quality of water for at least 4 years now....After all these years CalWater came out and subcontractors performed 2 emergency repairs in the last 4 months, but the issues only seem to get worse.

Last Thursday February 3, 2022 CalWater performed a fire flush out for the new construction at 85 and 77 Palmer lane dropping our water pressure from 39 to 30 PSI -



Fire prevention is important and we need to make sure that our infrastructure and fire department is ready to prevent fire and definitely prevent any spread of fire. As you heard at your last meeting Mr Don Bullard confirmed that our fire station #8 does not have the ladder needed to access the Multifamily home approved and built across the street at Woodside Priory - he confirmed they depend on a fire truck to come from Menlo Park in case there is a fire

Please note many PV residents appreciate your work and we will continue to support your efforts.

Thank you,
Caroline Vertongen
Palmer Lane