



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 2, 2021 7:00PM
Special Videoconference meeting via Zoom

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order: 7:07 pm

2. Roll Call: present – Terry Lee (chair), Nona Chiariello, Gary Nielsen, Ward Paine

Also attending: Danna Breen, Patty Dewes, Judith Murphy

Terry Lee opened this special videoconference Zoom meeting with a hearty welcome and thanks to members and additional attendees for making time for this meeting.

3. Oral Communications:

- a. Patty Dewes conveyed a goal of the Parks and Recreation Committee to find a location in Portola Valley for a dog park. She would like to stay in touch with open space acquisition and usage to help with that search. Terry offered to agendaize the topic at a future meeting.

4. Returning (aka Old) Business

- a. **Open Space Brochure, Map, and Website Update (see attachment).** The draft brochure was circulated for review; it included the revised text that was approved previously along with 11 candidates for the final missing element—the inset photo of Shady Trail. The photograph that received consensus approval was of the Lee family walking down Shady Trail away from the camera. This approval brings the brochure and map to completion (both are attached here); Nona or Terry will submit them to Kari for posting on the Open Space page of the Town website.
- b. **Website update.** Terry reminded the committee that the Open Space web presence can now proceed to phase 2 (which is the next agenda item).
- c. **Vision Statements for next Open Space Parcels (Leveraging Frog Pond Work/Template).** The second part of the revised web presence will consist of vision statements for open space parcels; Gary noted that a seasonal blog about trails is also one of OSAAC's goals suggested by Ticien. Terry will connect with Craig and Ticien, who are the subcommittee for the vision statements.
- d. **Committee Membership.** Terry introduced this topic with the hope that Ward Paine would continue as an advisory member of OSAAC, but Terry also noted that the committee's one open regular seat would be even more ideal for Ward. Ward agreed to be a regular member again, which drew a round of cheers from the committee. This brings the regular committee membership to 7.

5. New Business

- a. **Housing Element Committee of Committees Open Space Representation Invitation.** Terry briefed the committee, and Patty Dewes and Judith Murphy

provided additional details, on the Committee of Committees that OSAAC has been invited to participate in as a means of conveying Open Space priorities for the Town's Housing Element. The Committee of Committees will provide input to an Ad Hoc Committee on Housing.

The Conservation Committee approached the invitation by devoting one of their regular meetings to the topic; Parks and Recreation is waiting to get more guidance on the guardrails for input before they prepare their input. The first meeting with representatives of committees is expected to be pretty soon, and will be one of a sequence of 2 or 3 meetings, according to information Patty has received (Judith's information suggested it might be a single meeting). Terry will reach out to the Town for more clarification and will approach Craig Taylor and Ticien Sassoubre about representing OSAAC. Terry noted that knowing more about the timing and expectations would give OSAAC a better shot at fulfilling our responsibility on this. Terry will get back to OSAAC when he has more information.

Judith and Patty encouraged OSAAC members to watch some of the webinars about the process. Judith will provide a link.

- 6. Date and time of next meeting:** Terry will schedule the next meeting in time to organize input from OSAAC to the Committee of Committees. He thanked everyone for an efficient and very productive meeting, and wished everyone happy holidays.
- 7. Adjournment: 8:00 pm**