



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Nature and Science
Special Committee Meeting
November 10, 2022
5:00 p.m.

Yvonne Tryce, Chair
Andrew Browne, Member
Brook Coffee, Member
Bonnie Crater, Member
Tedi Park, Member
Musarrat Yasmin Rizvi, Member

SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING

REMOTE MEETING COVID-19 MEETING ADVISORY: On September 16, 2021, 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. COVID-19 is still a major health concern and virtual attendance to the Town Council meeting is encouraged, particularly during case increases.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
Speakers' time is limited to three minutes.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. September 22, 2022
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Report on Star Party held on September 30, 2022
 - b. Report on Brown Act training on October 5, 2022
- 5. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a. Discuss Hawthorns property and possible nature center
 - b. Plan Composting Day for February / March 2023
 - c. Discuss other ideas for events
 - d. Review Star Party expenses and status
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is December 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Nature and Science Committee Meeting
September 22, 2022 5:00 p.m
Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL. The meeting was called to order at 5:18pm.

Present: Bonnie Crater, Tedi Parks, Yvonne Tryce, and Brook Coffee

Absent: Andy Browne, Jeff Aalfs (Town Council Liaison) and Musarrat Yasmin Rizvi

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. No oral communications.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. July 13, 2022. The committee unanimously approved the July13, 2022 meeting minutes. Bonnie Crater, Tedi Parks, Yvonne Tryce and Brook Coffee voted yes.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Welcome New Member: Musarrat Yasmin Rizvi. The committee hopes to welcome our new member at the next meeting on October 13. Yvonne will reach out by email.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Hawthorns Status Report. Yvonne Tryce appointed Bonnie Crater to be the liaison to MidPen (MROSD) Hawthorns project committee.

b. Final Planning of the Star Party. Star Party is planned September for September 30. The committee is inviting neighborhoods: Brook – Woodside Highlands, PV Forum, and Schools. Yvonne – Los Trancos. Bonnie – Wayside. Andrew will give an informal presentation by the telescopes. Bonnie will send note to Andrew to ask him how many telescopes will be coming and can colleagues come at 7:00 or 7:30. Tedi will hand out Star Guides outside the Alder Room. The committee approved up to \$500 for reimbursement for the banners. Parking: Yvonne to ask Andy to manage parking.

c. Planning for Composting Event. Target date: February / March 2023. We will review results from the Star Party to make recommendations for the Composting Day event.

d. Reminder of Brown Act Training for Committee Members on October 5, 2022. Bonnie will attend the Brown Act training. Brook will attend zoom if available.

6. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting date is October 13, 2022.