



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

**Nature and Science
Committee Meeting
January 12, 2023
5:00 p.m**

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

HYBRID 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.

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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. December 8, 2022
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Discuss presentation at FY 2023-24 Budget and Committee Workshop
 - b. Discuss planning for Compost Day Event
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**
The next regularly scheduled meeting date is February 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The Town of Portola Valley acknowledges the colonial history of this land we dwell upon—the unceded territory of the Ramaytush (rah-my-toosh) Ohlone, Tamien Nation, and Muwekma (mah-WEK-mah) Ohlone, who endured a human and cultural genocide that included removal from their lands and their sacred relationship to the land. Portola Valley recognizes that we profit from the commodification of land seized from indigenous peoples and now bear the ecological consequences. We seek to understand the impact of these legacies on all beings and to find ways to make repair.

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Nature and Science Committee Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2022 5:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Present: Brook Coffee, Bonnie Crater, Andy Browne, and Jeff Aalfs (Town Council Liaison)

Absent: Yvonne Tryce and Tedi Parks

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Musarrat Yasmin Rizvi, Member is officially no longer on the Nature and Science committee according to the Town staff due to attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. November 10, 2022 – The committee unanimously approved the November 10, 2022 meeting minutes.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion of January 2023 Committee Workshop regarding Major Town Council Projects and Expenditures for FY 2023-2024

Andy will be the Nature and Science committee representative on January 25th at 7pm. The committee plans to execute at least the following events: Compost Day (March) and Star Party (September). Bonnie will start a PowerPoint presentation for the meeting and send to Andy Browne for updating. The committee will review the presentation at the January meeting.

The committee unanimously approved requesting a budget for \$2500 for 2023. Brook will send a note to Andrew Pierce to start the scheduling and planning for the Star Party in September 2023. She will also ask Andrew for any photos of the event for the Committee Workshop presentation. Brook also suggested a committee potluck night at the Star Party.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Discuss the Friends of Hawthorn letter to Mid-Peninsula Open Space District regarding the Nature Center

The committee unanimously endorsed the proposal to the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) for the Nature Center/Interpretive Center at the Hawthorns property proposal. Each member of the committee also agreed to sign the proposal on behalf of the committee. Brook suggested that we also discuss a pop up nature center if a permanent building does not materialize

b. Plan for March Compost Day.

The target date is Sunday March 12 1-4pm. Brook will submit the Town event to be hosted in the large event space as the date looks available. Andy suggested the slogan "It's a Rotten Idea". Other ideas include: Compost competition., Lomi demonstration (Bonnie will contact Lomi), other types of composters such as worm bins from additional other vendors. Brook will invite Teri Lyngso to present. Possible display of 5 different composters. Raffle ticket idea: sell tickets for compost-related prizes. Host an art project for small kids – play dough worms. Reach out to science teachers who might want to have a table or display. Or propose a science fair project for presentation.

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