



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Race and Equity Committee Meeting
January 10, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Lucy Neely, Chair
Johnathan Clark, Vice Chair
Patt Baenen, Member
Adnan Iftekhar, Member
Cole Kawaja, Member
Kirsten Kingdon, Member
Kim Marinucci, Member
Judith Murphy, Member
Andrew Pierce, Member

HYBRID MEETING

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, ICEBREAKER**
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. November 8, 2022
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Discuss Land Acknowledgement liaison and process for committee and council chairs
 - b. Review Subcommittees
 - c. Discuss Town CouncilxCommittee Chairs Annual Budget and Priority Workshop
 - d. Discuss Committee priorities for 2023
 - e. Discuss Race & Equity Committee Budget and budget process for upcoming cycle
 - f. Discuss possibilities for MLK National Day of Service
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Dr. Terence Elliott and the Nymanii Ensemble at Sequoias in February 2023. Committee endorsement and publicity sought
 - b. Discuss committee meeting frequency and duration
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**
The next regularly scheduled meeting date is Tuesday February 7th, 2023 at 6:30 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
Race & Equity Committee DRAFT Minutes
November 8, 2022, 6:30 pm

Attendees:

Judith Murphy, member
Kirsten Kingdon, member
Adnan Iftekhar, member
Kim Marinucci, chair
Lucy Neely, member
John Richards, council liaison
Maryann Derwin, council liaison
Kristi Corley, member of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and confirmed attendance.
- b. Members present: Judith Murphy, Kirsten Kingdon, Adnan Iftekhar, Kim Marinucci, Lucy Neely, [Patt Baenen joins later in meeting, Andrew Pierce and Johnathan Clark not present]
- c. Council Liaisons Present: John Richards, Maryann Derwin
- d. Members of the Public: Kristi Corley

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT - Murphy reads

3. ICE BREAKER - what are you doing for thanksgiving?

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA -

- a. Neely mentioned the idea of meeting every two months for people to think about. Not attached or even suggesting, but for consideration in anticipation of possible discussion at next meeting.
- b. Murphy asked about meeting in December. Group decides not to meet in December. Next meeting is in January.
- c. Neely acknowledged that it's a big night with election, rain, and total lunar eclipse.
- d. Murphy acknowledged that Richards and Derwin wouldn't be at our next meeting or on the Council if we meet in January. Committee thanks them for their service.
- e. Kristy Corley thanked Maryann Derwin for her service

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. October 11, 2022—**Murphy: requests 'bureaucratic additions': add 'minutes to top', add 'submitted by: ' at the bottom'. In 4b, was there a vote? Debate, most think yes. Lucy is going to look at zoom recording. Marinucci: Change Maryann's name to Derwin, Kirsten: and Kirsten to Kingdon. Murphy: Attach fixin san mateo letter to next month's minutes. Judy votes to pass minutes as amended. Iftekhar seconded. Committee voted unanimously in favor.**

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Kingdon's presents Event happening at the Sequoias —** Dr. Terence Elliott and the Nymanii Ensemble at Sequoias in February 2023. Committee endorsement and publicity

sought **Murphy suggests that Kingdon form a subcommittee and develop the details for publicity. Will be the same program presented on 10/16 in San Carlos.**

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Seeking new chair to begin in January—Is anyone interested? No one expresses interest. Question of willingness. Discussion ensues. Judy Murphy nominates Lucy Neely as chair and Kirsten as secretary. Iftekhhar seconds. Group votes unanimously.
- b. Town Council reports:
 - i. Fixin San Mateo—Murphy summarizes town council meeting: letter is on it's way today. Neely notes there was an almanac article on this.
 - ii. Land acknowledgment recommendation partially adopted by Council — Marinucci reports that the Council rejected reading land acknowledgment. Discussion was from 2:02 to 2:06 in the TC meeting. Marinucci shares that it passed in the sense that it's going to be on the website. Richards notes LA will also go in the schoolhouse on a plaque. Richards suggests to form a subcommittee to talk with the mayor and committee chairs. Marinucci thinks the TC should read it. Neely notes that she doesn't recall discussing how the LA would be practiced at the previous committee meeting. Marinucci notes it was in the agenda packet and she assumed no discussion meant no objection. Richards notes that committees are advisory and the council votes. Derwin thought it would be hard for the subcommittee proposal to the council as it was to get three votes. Neely notes there was a lack of communication within committee. Derwin notes she asked Jeremy Dennis and he reported that it would be on agenda packets, on the website, in the schoolhouse, and optional for committee chairs and mayor to read. Kingdon notes the value of discussion, relates it to the value of an occasional reading. Derwin suggests if we want to bring it up to TC again, to wait 6 months. Neely thanks Marinucci for moving this project moving forward. Baenen notes the value of repetition. Iftkehar notes that the increased visibility is progress, and that we can make a suggestion again in 6 months. Kristi Corley thinks representation is important, eg Hawthorns. Neely echoes the value of subcommittee to discuss with chairs and mayor and thinks this is important beginning of representation and visibility of indigenous peoples in town government of PV.
- c. Land acknowledgement reading practice—this agenda item was covered by the discussion in the previous agenda item.
- d. Subcommittee reviews
 - iii. Housing - Murphy notes that she presented to TC on recommendation of inclusionary housing fund. Committee members thanks Murphy and subcommittee for their work on this. Neely notes that this document was accidentally included in Finance Committee agenda packet.
 - iv. Town Seal - Marinucci gives update and asks for support and ideas of speakers, specifically in review of public symbols. Someone suggest professor Jennifer Everheart. Derwin suggests Nick Neely. Adnan suggests Brian Walker. Kingdon notes the tying together of the inclusion of land acknowledgment. MARinucci asks that if committee members think of anyone else to please email us. Kingdon notes there is a new book about the indigenous contribution to this place. Derwin mentions the San Mateo Historical Museum and local tribes, ie Ramaytush. Marinucci mentioned the Los Altos History Museum. Neely asks about budget process for committees to receive form. Answer is to

send in form in April, then goes through TC process. Neely asks if this is a form that needs to be requested? Yes, request from Cindy Rodas.

Organizing our work.

e. Derwin mentions that Stanford Continuing studies program has just come out. Professor Clayborne Carson is teaching a class this winter, highly recommended.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is December 13 JANUARY 10TH, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Lucy Neely

Town of Portola Valley
Race and Equity Committee
Subcommittees Roster

[the following is to the best of the memory of the chair and meant to be merely helpful but is probably not completely accurate]

Housing: Baenen, Murphy, Neely, Pierce

Land Acknowledgement: Marinucci

Town Seal: Marinucci, Neely

Communications? Baenen, Marinucci, Iftekhar?

Town Policy? Pierce?

Safe Space Subcommittee? Baenen?