



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
December 15, 2022
7:00 PM

Scott Elrod, Chair
Jason Saleh, Vice Chair
Rebecca Flynn, Secretary
Ronny Krashinsky, Member
Loverine Taylor, Member
Anita Wotiz, Member

VIRTUAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Jason Saleh, Vice Chair
Rebecca Flynn, Secretary
Loverine Taylor, Member
Ronny Krashinsky, Member
Town: Brandi de Garneau
Community: none
Absent: Scott Elrod, Chair; Anita Wotiz

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.
none

3. INTRODUCTIONS

a. **None**

4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. **none**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of 11/17/2022
 - i. Rebecca moved, Jason Saleh seconded, all approved.
- b. Special Meeting Minutes of 11/29/2022
 - i. Rebecca moved, Jason Saleh seconded, all approved.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Updates from Brandi
 - i. Smart Water Meters - AMI Pilot Project with CalWater
 1. Delay due to staffing issues. Waiting to hear back from Cal Water to confirm the Flume and AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) smart meter plans.
 - ii. Climate Action Plan 2030 (reduction of GHG by 2030, 2040, 2050)
 1. Will be launched at the Feb 22 Council meeting – with community wide inventories and impacts of different measures and outlining what a CAP is. Will then come to the SC subcommittee (Jay and Scott) to provide feedback on the iterations on measures (most impactful: existing buildings - eliminating natural gas; adding EV ready for faster Level 2 charging - space in panel, correct outlet, etc.).
 - iii. SB 1383 - State's Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy targeting organic waste disposal and surplus food
 1. Town's ordinance - July 1, 2023, enforcement – mandatory subscription to garbage service for someone who produces organic waste. Commercial districts might have to have yard trimming waste bins. Working on reducing the very high procurement target for compost and mulch for Town.
 - iv. Green building amendments and electrification of existing buildings

1. Goes into effect Jan 1, 2023. Planning and building depts developing FAQs and website update. Summary of provisions in today's town Newsletter.
- v. Disposable Food ware Ordinance – no update
- b. Review ongoing effort to issue “Public Service Announcements” on PVForum (November/December – Greenhouse Gases, Scott; January – Greenhouse Gases, Ronny)
 - i. Scott has done 1/week for the past couple of weeks with personal touch on sustainable actions. Peer pressure/influencing format successful at encouraging online engagement in the community.
 - ii. Ronny planning Jan PSA on smart tech items, home intel audit, tools for monitoring energy and water usage. Contacted Home Energy Analytics and they may be able to update the community on current status, program has 40% persistence of customers, plan to invite HEA to present at an upcoming meeting.
- c. Review and update committee priorities for 2023:
 - i. Community education: Public Service Announcements to encourage greenhouse gas and water use reduction
 1. May want to do an outreach for the Home Intel audit
 - ii. Smart water meter usage with Cal Water: education and outreach
 1. In process
 - iii. Climate Action Plan
 1. In process
 - iv. Existing building stock electrification ordinances
 1. Passed and will examine plans for education and outreach.
 - v. Demonstration units – Induction stove top, backup power, smart meter gadgets
 1. The induction stove top is at the library and waiting for IT to add to the checkout system. We need to provide instructions (Anita?). Create something similar to PGE's program.
 - vi. Preparing for drought - including update to MWELo (Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance) and drought sections on Town website – Now on our plate from the Town Council direction. Lovey working with Darrin, provided with large amounts of data. Lovey to work with Al Sill to create priorities for MWELo. Will present to the Committee in the new year, late spring (for council priorities in late May). Laura Russell outlined a path to fix the loopholes with a carrot and stick approach, info provided in Lovey's summary a few meetings ago.
- d. Prepare inputs for January 2023 Committee Workshop Regarding Major Town Council Projects and Expenditures for FY 2023-24
 - i. Community Education – continuing monthly
 - ii. Smart water education and outreach – continuing, waiting for Cal Water update.
 - iii. Climate Action Plan – continuing, waiting for inputs.
 - iv. Existing building stock Electrification ordinances – plan, education, and get community on board and promote
 - v. Demos – induction stove – need instruction material still. Continue to promote solar battery. Other ideas: Ebikes, Swytch Bike, smart plugs, Emporia Vue, other items to promote electrification. (Could do a pilot project of Emporia Vue).
 - vi. Wildfire Fair in April – Demo Solar battery. Plan giveaways?
 - vii. School bus? (Brandi to add inputs to climate action plan); promote eBikes?
 - viii. Movie nights? – considering
- e. What does the committee believe its next steps should be in relation to the EN-ROADS GHG/climate simulation tool?
 - i. How to reach the non-converts?
 - ii. How to promote volunteers to join the citizen lobby chapter and drive change?

- iii. Sponsorship by Sustainability Committee? Have an in-person session for the Town? Needs to be done in the evenings before the time change or Saturday morning. Scott to speak with Steve about potential scheduling and coordinate with Kari for scheduling. Request to emphasize using the tool over the lobbying piece.

- f. Develop committee inputs to the Safety Element, assuming that Town staff has provided a response to committee questions that were previously submitted.
 - i. We will need to do the work on the next meeting after the questions come back.

7. NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS

- a. Hybrid meeting next month, committee members to show up in person as available.
- b. Safety Element community inputs (key item)
- c. Review EN-ROADS, potential public format? money for raffle prizes?
- d. Review gadgetry for loaner programs
- e. Home Intel – to talk to HEA first for update to the Committee before considering outreach.
- f. Wildfire Fair planning (when start?)

8. ADJOURNMENT at 8:49 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is January 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM.