



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

**Nature and Science
Committee Meeting
February 9, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

Brook Coffee, Chair
Andrew Browne, Member
Bonnie Crater, Member
Tedi Park, Member
Yvonne Tryce, 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.

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VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

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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. January 12, 2023
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Welcome Kerry Brown
 - b. Recap presentation of the FY 2023/24 Budget and Committee Workshop
 - c. Discuss Compost Day Event and pick date
 - d. Discuss memberships and recruitment (min 5, max 9)
 - e. Discuss emeritus membership for Yvonne Tryce
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**
The next regularly scheduled meeting date is March 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.

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Nature and Science Committee Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023 5:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Present: Bonnie Crater, Brook Coffee, Yvonne Tryce

Absent: Andy Browne, Tedi Park, Jeff Aalfs (Town Council liaison)

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kelly Brown expressed interest in N&S committee membership. Yvonne reached out and she will forward the email to Brook and Brook will follow up and invite Kelly to the next meeting.

The committee discussed that the next Nature and Science Committee meeting will be in-person at the Town Center. Yvonne Tryce has submitted her resignation due to the requirement of in person meetings.

The committee unanimously voted Brook Coffee to be Chair of the Nature and Science and Committee.

Yvonne will send endorsed Hawthorns proposal to MROSD.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes of December 8, 2022 – Unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Discuss presentation at FY 2023-24 Budget and Committee Workshop** – Brook plans to attend the meeting. She will send a note to Jeremy to confirm 7pm presentation. The committee will request \$2500 to support 2 events in 2023 – Compost Day and the Star Party.
- b. **Discuss planning for Compost Day Event on Sunday March 12 1-4pm.** Brook will submit the reservation request for the Community Hall this week. Bonnie will continue to follow up with the Lomi company. Brook will follow up with Terry Lyngso inquire about a workshop at the event. Brook proposed a table for small children -- compost seed balls and a possible PV library table with compost books.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is February 9, 2023 at 5pm at Town Center.