



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
Minutes
February 16, 2023
7:00 PM

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

IN-PERSON MEETING
HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE- 775 PORTOLA RD. – PORTOLA VALLEY, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

7:02 PM

Committee: Scott Elrod (chair), Jay Saleh (Vice Chair), Rebecca Flynn (Sec), Loverine Taylor, Anita Wotiz, Ronny Krashinsky

Public : James Tuleya, Brandi de Garreaux, Dave Cardinal

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Update on HomeIntel by James Tuleya, Senior Energy Coach & Community Programs Director, Home Energy Analytics

PV.HEA.COM

Free program for all utility customers, paid for by PGE public purpose fee. Analyzes gas and electric usage in the home and helps residents to electrify their home.

Average savings: \$300/year

Large homes: \$2000

Online and live coaching

Includes analysis of rate plans

Water heating electrification analysis and Furnace heating analysis. How will the bill change if they switch to a heat pump.

Gas rates are supposed to rise 2x in cost.

Can plan for solar need to offset additional heat pump energy.

Help avoid electric panel upsizing.

Residents save energy and money and get help for electrification plans.

96 homes participating in PV, 29 now active; 320 homes in PV are high energy homes -

PGE sending out promotions for HomeIntel.

Looking for promotional opportunities (bill inserts, banner, postcard mailings, social media, city website, opinion leaders, newsletters).

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Meeting of January 19, 2023
- b. Approved as corrected.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Updates from Brandi
 - i. Smart Water Meters - AMI Pilot Project with CalWater
Hasn't heard back yet.
 - ii. Climate Action Plan 2030
Moved to a later spring Town Council meeting and then will bring it to SC later.
 - iii. SB 1383 - State's Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy targeting organic waste disposal and surplus food.
 - iv. Green building amendments and electrification of existing buildings

- v. Disposable Foodware Ordinance – no update
- b. Review ongoing effort to issue “Public Service Announcements” on PVForum
Induction Cooktop Announcement (Feb)
Potential future PSAs:
 - Delay the drought message, message about swales, slow it, sink it.
 - Why go electric? (Money, science of efficiency, indoor air pollution, GHG emissions, considering going to electric).
 - Why go electric cars?
 - Heat pump article from Loverine.
- c. Planning for En-ROADS climate change simulation community workshop on February 23, 2023
 - Cookies and milk alternates (mugs/glasses)
 - BYOB mug
 - Pitchers of water
 - Meeting at 5 PM
- d. Planning for Fire Prevention Resource Day on April 22, 2023
Solar battery, climate change books, link between GHG emissions, smart plug/smart energy monitor, posters, cards, banner, book cards, ghg)- Approval to spend \$250 on Empower Smart plugs as booth handouts.
- e. Brainstorm potential new devices for library loaner program
 - i. Lomi composter (carbon filters need to be replaced every 3 months) \$450
 - ii. Something for kids and energy use (smart monitoring plugs, kill a watt) with worksheets.
 - iii. Smart energy monitoring unit
 - iv. Electric bicycle (\$1000)
- f. Update on timing to engage Town staff on Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance (WELO)—Loverine Taylor
WELO passed in 2010, updated in 2016.
WELO depends on design guidelines, municipal code, zoning. Not impacted by Housing Element changes.
Speak with landscape architects, irrigation specialists, realtors, to find out what homeowners are looking for. Loverine has a list of recent landscape architects.
Issue of lawns, water features, and temporary features.
Need to tighten up some of the regulations.
Review project later in Summer.
- g. Review and update committee priorities for 2023:
 - i. Community education: Public Service Announcements to encourage greenhouse gas and water use reduction
 - ii. Smart water meter usage with Cal Water: education and outreach
 - iii. Climate Action Plan
 - iv. Existing building stock electrification ordinances
 - v. Demonstration units – Induction stove top, backup power, smart meter gadgets
 - vi. Preparing for drought - including update to MWELo and drought sections on Town website

7. NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS

- a. **Greenwaste tour -**

8. ADJOURNMENT at 9 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is March 16, 2023.

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.