

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Parks & Recreation
Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
7:30 PM

Patty Dewes, Chair
Karen Askey, Member
David Bailey, Member
Lindsay Bowen, Member
Carrie Fregosi, Member
Jon Myers, Member

REGULAR MEETING

HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE- 775 PORTOLA RD. – PORTOLA VALLEY, CA

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Tuesday, April 18, 2023
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. PV Land Acknowledgement - Feedback Lucy Neely
 - b. Review New Committee Member Application – Maryann Berkowitz
 - c. Request for Little People’s Playground new equipment – Ateret Haselkorn
 - d. Discuss Town Council 2023-2024 Priorities
 - e. Discuss charging League Fees for Pickleball
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Discuss Status of Court Usage/Reservation Policy
 - b. Review Trivia Night Results
 - c. Review updates on Dog Park
 - d. Review status/Maintenance of Courts including Skateboard Ramp
 - e. Review and Discuss Hawthorns Property Planning
 - f. Review and Discuss updates on CA State Grant
 - g. Review and Discuss updates on Parking at Rossotti’s

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is Tuesday, June 20 @ 7:30 PM

Land Acknowledgement:

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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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Date & Time: April 18, 2023 @ 7:30 PM
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA

Parks and Rec Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM

Roll Call: Members present - Jon Myers, Patty Dewes, Lindsay Bowen, Karen Askey, Carrie Fregosi This represents a quorum. **Town Council Member:** Sarah Wernikoff, present. **Members absent:** David Bailey

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were amended to document that this Committee has asked the Town for a copy of the agreement with the Alpine Inn for the parking lease arrangements. Amended minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Oral Communications: None

New Business:

a. Discuss Court Maintenance Status:

- a. **Cracks in Courts:** Town Public Works indicated they will have a contractor assess
- b. **Relining Court #3:** Deferred
- c. **Notification Board:** PV Connect ticket has been submitted.

b. Review Committee Membership: We would be willing to open the Committee Membership to Ladera residents. The interested party was asked to attend the next meeting.

c. Parks and Recreation Committee Budget Proposal 2023-2024: We approved a budget ask of \$30K which will fund the Town Picnic, Zotts and quarterly game nights.

Old Business:

a. Court Usage Reservation Policy:

- After discussion it was agreed that we should identify residents/non-residents for purposes of reservations consistent w/ the Town. Therefore, Ladera, VistaVerda, Los Trancos will be considered non-residents.
- We need to be more transparent/diligent about communication and signage
- Motion to approve Revised Court Usage/Reservation Policy was passed by a 4-0 vote with 1 abstention. Sarah indicated that we should review the policy w/ Town Management before it is effective. This will be scheduled with a proposed live date of June 1. .

b. Trivia Night Proposal: Scheduled for May 13, plans are progressing well!!!

c. Dog Park: El Mirador is not a likely candidate given that this property will be legally tied up for some time. No other new information. .

d. Simplifying and Clarifying Committee Operations: After discussion, our preference is to maintain our Committee status but not be under the requirements of the Brown Act.

e. Skateboard Ramp: No new information

f. Hawthorns Property Planning: No new information.

g. Town Web Page Updates: Covid restrictions have been lifted, relevant info/pages will be removed.

h. Measures for Protecting Recreational Space: No new information.

i. CA State Grant: No new information

j. Donated Horse Sculpture: No new information

k. Parking at Rossotti's: No new information.

Next Meeting Tuesday May 16, 2023 @ 7:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM

Patty Dewes, Secretary

From: [Howard Young](#)
To: ["patty33937@gmail.com"](mailto:patty33937@gmail.com)
Subject: FW: Request for Little People's Playground
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 5:28:14 PM
Attachments: [image0.jpeg](#)
[62224B68-3D5D-4AF3-8CE7-50AB0CEDF3FB-COLLAGE.jpeg](#)

fyi

From: Ateret Haselkorn <ateret.haselkorn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 5:14 PM
To: Town Center <TownCenter@portolavalley.net>
Cc: Howard Young <HYoung@portolavalley.net>
Subject: Request for Little People's Playground

Dear Parks and Rec Committee,

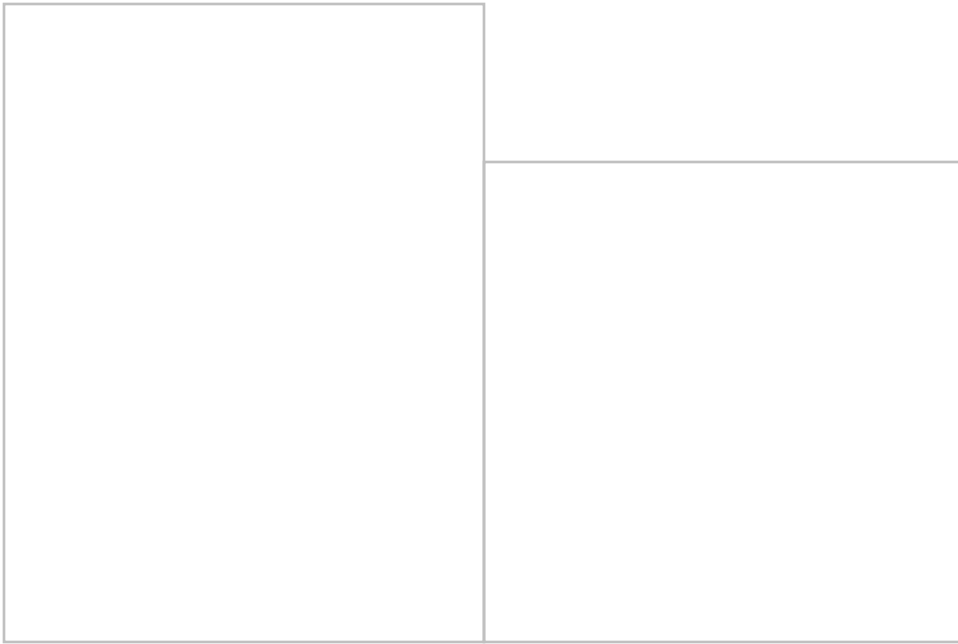
I initially sent this email to Taylor Soleno and now, with the additional help of Howard Young, understand that I should communicate directly with you.

I live in Portola Valley and am writing to ask for a play structure for very young children to be placed inside the fenced playground area at the Town Center.

My toddler is not old or big enough to use the existing play structure safely (see single photo). I have spoken with a number of other parents with children the same age and all have agreed that we'd like to have a more accessible play structure for children younger than three.

With the current play ground, we must try to navigate the structure while holding our small children's hands. It is still difficult to keep our toddlers from walking off the play structure edges or from heading down the slides without us. It is also hard on our bodies.

Ladera Recreational Center has a simple and effective plastic structure for small children next to their central structure for older kids (see collage image). I suggest that Portola Valley adopt a similar model. There seems to be space for a small plastic structure near the two picnic tables inside the fence.



Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ateret Haselkorn
275 Willowbrook Dr.

Priorities

The Council's Priorities are below listed with solid bullet points; Safety, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountable Governance, Forward Thinking Planning and Sustainable and Resilient Town. Each Priority has a second level focus area below to help clarify direction of projects. Some focus areas have examples included but are not meant to be exhaustive, just illustrative.

- Safety
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - e.g. Evacuation Planning
 - Emergency Response
 - e.g. Coordinating First Responders
 - Assessment and Mitigation of Hazard and Risk
 - Public Safety (Crime)
 - Community Preparedness and Awareness
- Fiscal Responsibility and Accountable Governance
 - Timely Fiscal Auditing and Reporting
 - Operational Efficiencies
 - Transparency
 - Community Engagement/Communications
- Forward Thinking Planning
 - Long-Term Revenue Needs
 - Long-Term Revenue Sources
 - Town Center Master Plan
 - Monitoring Infrastructure
 - General Plan Update
- Sustainable and Resilient Town
 - Promoting Sustainability
 - Land Use
 - e.g. Planning Affordable Housing
 - Protecting and Enhancing Environmental Resources
 - Post-Adoption Housing Element Process