



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY**  
**Sustainability Committee Meeting**  
**July 20, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**

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

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE – 775 PORTOLA RD. – PORTOLA VALLEY, CA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL at 7:02**

**Present:** Scott Elrod (chair), Rebecca Flynn (secretary), Ronny Krashinsky, Anita Wotiz.

**Absent:** Jason Saleh, Leslie Field, Loverine Taylor

**Community:**

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

*152 degrees heat index in Iran*

**3. INTRODUCTIONS**

**4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Meeting of June 15, 2023 - approval deferred to next meeting. Correct Ronny's name.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Updates from Brandi
- i. Smart Water Meters - AMI Pilot Project with CalWater
    - 1. Disconnect between cal water's message about keeping their Flume. Rebecca to send note to Dawn Smithson about the Flumes.
  - ii. Greenwaste interactions, tour planning, HEA insert in future Greenwaste mailings
    - 1. A number of people in the public would like to attend.
  - iii. Climate Action Plan 2030
  - iv. SB 1383 - State's Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy targeting organic waste disposal and surplus food
  - v. Green building amendments and electrification of existing buildings
  - vi. Disposable Foodware Ordinance
- b. Review ongoing effort to issue "Public Service Announcements" on PVForum
- i. Two PSAs launched recently. Food waste and EVs. Positive comments from the public about Food waste. Good discussion on EVs and their lifecycle.
  - ii. Leslie to write about Albedo and Bright Ice. Request to write about more general aspects of geoengineering to buy us time and prominence of multiple ideas, particularly about PV scientists.
  - iii. Styrofoam drive in September 17, 18, 19 at particular times when staffed - Anita to send message to Kari in advance to let the community know. Scott to modify the liability release form.
  - iv. Possible September: adventures in switching to a new HPHW - Rebecca
- c. Library loaner program: feedback from meeting with Garrett Kuramoto from PV Library (Anita) Library is fine with having a Lomi but needs final go ahead with library admin. Anita to write up instructions and meet with Brandi about budget.

Issue on equity for the PV library with other community libraries. Do we want to open the rules about PV residency?

Motion to approve opening the library loan program to include anyone with a San Mateo County library card. All 4 members votes AYE.

Next possible item: eBike. Depending on Library for space and the Town for budget. Scott to check with Brandi about budget issues.

- d. Possibility of Town developing an EV ride-sharing program similar to the one developed in Huron, CA
  - i. Program in Huron involves community members providing rides to those with needs. Probably not a match for PV with the high concentration of EV and wealth.
  - ii. We should publicize the new rebates for used EVs and new EVs.
- e. Plans to develop a resource list (people, devices, demonstration locations) for sustainability in PV, including heat pump, heat pump water heater, induction stove, native and or drought resistant garden, net zero house, sustainable construction, home solar and battery, small scale solar and battery, smart electrical panel, various EV models, plant-based eating, windows, green building.
  - i. Solicit community members who have installed sustainable items in their homes via PV Forum. Rebecca to send a copy of green house tour information. Scott to draft a message. RF, SE, RK to work on the message.
- f. Discussion of “cool roof” (and walls) initiative for PV
  - i. Cool roofs tend to be lighter in color which conflicts with current PV planning/zoning codes. Is global warming adequate to make changes?
  - ii. New research on reflective roofs and paint. Members to research further.
  - iii. Communicate with Brandi and Laura about the process of making recommendations for changes to the zoning codes.
- g. Update on potential to convert some committees to non-Brown-Act committees.
  - i. List of 8-9 committees interested in converting. Decisions about membership in the Committees would be made by the Committee chair and the Town Manager.
  - ii. Committees to continue to operate currently.
- h. 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 MWEL0 and drought sections on Town website

## **7. NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS**

- a. **Town picnic in September 23- decide at next meeting. – Need to let Patty know that we would like the children’s booths and adult booth’s mixed up.**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT at 8:08 PM**

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is August 17, 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.