



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Special Parks & Recreation
Committee Meeting
December 5, 2023
7:00 PM

Patty Dewes, Chair
Karen Askey, Member
David Bailey, Member
Lindsay Bowen, Member
Jon Myers, Member
Cindy Rowe, Member

SPECIAL MEETING
HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE – 765 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, October 24
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Discuss options for Court #3
 - b. Update Committee on Jelich Ranch Tour
 - c. Town Center Master Plan Update: Is it time? Who owns it?
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Proposal for a Community Playground: Review updated information and analysis
 - b. Game Night: Review updated plans
 - c. Discuss Zotts to Tots/Town Picnic – Postmortem
 - d. Discuss Hawthorns Property Planning Status
 - e. Discuss Tennis/Pickleball Court Outstanding Topics: Proposal to keep Pickleball Nets up on Court #1 Monday-Friday
 - f. Review updates on Dog Park
 - g. Discuss status of request to Town Council for a study session on recreational facilities
 - h. Discuss PV Recreational Facilities Opportunities Status
 - i. Review and Discuss updates on CA Sate Grant
 - j. Review and Discuss update on Parking at Rossotti's and Ford Field
 - k. Review and Discuss updates on Brown Act Committee Structure
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**
The next regularly scheduled meeting date is Tuesday, January 16, 2024 (Yikes!!)

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: October 24, 2023 @ 5:00 PM
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:19 PM

Roll Call: Members present - Jon Myers, Patty Dewes, Karen Askey, Lindsay Bowen, Cindy Rowe. This represents a quorum. **Town Council Member:** None **Members absent:** Dave Bailey

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were amended for clarification as noted below in red. Amended minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business: Committee Membership: Add: **Cindy Rowe has expressed interest in joining the committee and has applied for Town Council approval.**

New Business:

- a. **Proposal for a Community Playground:** Katie Mumford and Olenka Villarreal from the Magical Bridge Foundation made a presentation to propose replacing the Little People's Playground with one that would be accessible for children of all ages and abilities. A short video showed what the Foundation was about and examples of playgrounds that they have sponsored and built in other Bay Area Towns. The Committee was supportive but raised questions about the overall demand/interest, whether the current space could be utilized, and ongoing maintenance. We also made it clear that more space and Town funding would likely not be forthcoming. Katie said that there was interest in pursuing a private fund-raising drive. They were encouraged to come to the next meeting with more details about demand/interest and conceptual space layout.
- b. **Proposal for next Game Night:** It was agreed that the next Trivia night would be Saturday, February 10. We will ask for approval to spend \$1500.00. Jon and Karen will be leading the effort.

Old Business:

- a. **Zotts to Tots/Town Picnic:** Postmortem deferred to next meeting
- b. **Hawthorns Planning:** The Mid-Pen Public Access Working Group (PAWG) has introduced initial conceptual design alternatives including proposed parking, driveway and trailhead options, as well as establishment of internal connections, trail uses, and exploration of local and regional connectivity opportunities. Karen reviewed the proposal with us. She is leading an ad-hoc team with representatives from multiple Town committees to make sure they are aware of the proposals and have an opportunity to comment and hopefully influence the outcomes. Specifically, BPT&S and Trails and Paths are providing comments/input into the process. This committee is also reaching out to the broader PV community to ensure awareness and get feedback that can then be channeled into PAWG. For Parks and Recreation, we will continue to advocate for dog access, whether that be a dedicated off leash facility or on leash trail access. Karen will continue to keep us informed.
- c. **Parkland and Recreational Facility Dedication:** The proposal has been submitted to the Town Manager with a request that it be added to the agenda for a future Town Council meeting. Patty will follow up for status.
- d. **PV Recreational Facilities Opportunities:** Deferred
- e. **Courts:**
 - The PV Pickleball League has submitted their application and the associated fees to the Town.
 - Our request to keep the Pickleball nets up on Court 1 Monday-Friday has been submitted to the Town and we are waiting for a response.
 - We agreed to add a discussion of future uses for Court #3 to our next meeting agenda

- f. **Dog Park:** A dog park has long been desired and needed but was scrapped in the Master plan. Potential available land is limited by other considerations (open space, etc.) and changes are not supported by other committees. We continue to look at options. No updates
- g. **CA State Grant:** No updates
- h. **Parking at Rossotti's/Ford Field:** We understand that Rosotti's has applied for permission to use the Ford Field parking and pay the appropriate fees. We have inquired to the Town for an update but have not yet received a response. Patty will follow up.
- i. **Committee Structure:** At the advice of the Town Attorney, Patty will be meeting w/ the new Town Manager to go over next steps.

Next Meeting: We have decided to combine the November and December meetings. Therefore, the normal November and December meetings will be cancelled and a special meeting called for Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Patty Dewes, Secretary