

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
January 18, 2024
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 – 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. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Minutes from November 16, 2023 meeting
- 6. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Updates:
 - i. Cal Water smart water meter rollout
 - ii. GreenWaste tour
 - iii. GreenWaste newsletter insert on Home Energy Analytics
 - iv. Climate Action Plan 2030
 - v. Reach code opportunities
 - b. Review ongoing effort to issue "Public Service Announcements" on PVForum
 - c. Discussion of possible committee inputs to Town and/or County on permitting requirements for tiny homes
 - d. Update on conversion to non-Brown Act committee
 - e. 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

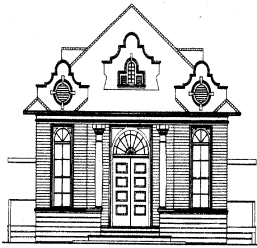
7. NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:00 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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Community: Dave Cardinal
Absent: **Jeff Aalfs**, Town Council Liaison

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*Rebecca Flynn attended several webinars on energy efficient, green building, heat pumps, decarbonization, passive house building, and net zero building through PG&E and 3C-REN
Anita announced next Styrofoam collection at Ladera Church, Jan 7, 8, 9 (save Xmas Styrofoam)*

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Meeting of September 21, 2023 – All members approved the minutes.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Jeff Aalfs and Scott Elrod had a meeting with Brandi di Garneau for handoff of her sustainability projects.**
- b. Updates:
 - i. Cal Water smart water meter rollout – too many channels of communication to request with utilities. Kari and Jeff will be contact for Dawn Smithson on Cal Water. Check with them first. Brandi sending link to online brochure for smart meter rollout. Rebecca and Loverine on subcommittee to work on communication on the website and to the Town with Kari and Scott on what we need to put together for the Town. Eye on Water tutorial education. Amplify adoption. How to handle leaks (FAQs). There is a YouTube video on Eye on water application. Will discuss responding to comments on PVForum.
 - ii. Greenwaste tour – Scott to talk with Kari and Greenwaste about HEA insert (and cost). Possible dates for Committee.
 - iii. Greenwaste newsletter insert on Home Energy Analytics – Provided by HEA but reviewed by SC. Ronny to help. Jeff is connected with James at HEA. Sample communication needs to be approved by Town Council.
 - iv. Climate Action Plan 2030 – Given lack of new replacement staff at Town Center, it will be impossible to make progress. SC to research other jurisdiction's Climate Action Plans. Ronny to send links to the committee for existing Climate Action Plans from other jurisdictions.
 - v. SB 1383 - State's Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy targeting organic waste disposal and surplus food.

- vi. Green building amendments and electrification of existing buildings. Jeff Aalfs to talk to PCE about reach codes that other municipalities have adopted.
- vii. Disposable Foodware Ordinance
- c. Review ongoing effort to issue “Public Service Announcements” on PVForum
 - i. Loverine got feedback from Janna at Cal Water who thought it was thoughtful.
 - ii. Leslie working on PV resident sustainability efforts. Leslie to coordinate with the other two residents.
 - iii. Valley Presbyterian has collected movies, articles, books, information on Climate Change. Promising technology podcast by Molly Wood and Matt Matern and others in IG.
 - iv. Leslie teaching a course on Engineering Entrepreneurship on Climate.
 - v. Rebecca about HP and HPHW rebates
- d. Updates on library loaner program – limited to 2 items at a time. Need schedule to reannounce them. Right now, it’s Solar back up and induction cooktop. Rebecca to rerelease schedule. An extra set up for the holidays.
- e. Updates on conversion to non-Brown Act committee – On the TC agenda for January for a vote. Our Feb meeting might be the first as a non-Brown Act Committee.
- f. Review and update committee priorities for 2023:
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- a. Priorities to encourage engagement (faithful and new)?
 - i. Book club? Movie night?
 - ii. Posters?
 - iii. Communication strategy
 - iv. Policy changes and influence on TC and other organizations
 - v. Write ups on efforts. (Greenwaste tour writeup). – Anita to write up tour.

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