



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
June 15, 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

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL –

Present: Scott Elrod (chair), Jason Saleh (V Chair), Anita Wotiz, Loverine Taylor, Leslie Field

Absent: Rebecca Flynn, Ronnie Krashinsky

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Taylor inquired regarding destination for books purchased by town. This will be addressed by Brandi.

3. INTRODUCTIONS - none

4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Meeting of May 18, 2023. Approved unanimously

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Updates from Brandi – **Brandi unable to be present during this meeting**
- i. Smart Water Meters - AMI Pilot Project with CalWater
 - ii. Greenwaste interactions, tour planning, HEA insert in future Greenwaste mailings
 - 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 – Anita working on piece on food/organic waste. Will be submitted July. Jason will submit EV write up for June.
- c. Library loaner program: committee members bring ideas for possible future loaner items
- i. Ideas discussed – smoke detectors, fire detectors, fire prevention items, electric appliances, leaf blower, ebikes, electric chain saw, composters, LED light bulbs,

household items to replace disposables, electric grill, garden tools, smart energy monitor, Flume water meter, electric fireplace, clothesline and pins, heat pump, small wind turbine. A ranked choice vote was held to choose an item. Lomi chosen 1st, ebike ranked 2nd. Should ebike be chosen later, will need to assess legal feasibility.

ii. Discussed concern for ample physical space at the library.

~~d. 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. **List of alternative sources for less mobile sustainability items including garden/home resources. Consider sources for 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.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is July 20, 2023. Adjourned 8:06

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.