



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
Minutes
January 19, 2023
7:00 PM

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

7:02 PM

Present: Scott Elrod (Chair), Ronny Krashinsky, Anita Wotiz, Rebecca Flynn (Sec'y)

Missing: Jay Salah, Loverine Taylor

Community: Judy Murphy

Town: Brandi de Garneau

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.

None

3. INTRODUCTIONS

None

4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. **None**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Minutes of 12/15/2023 - **Approved**

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Updates from Brandi

i. Smart Water Meters - AMI Pilot Project with Cal Water

1. Cal Water is sending out letters to residents about the restart of the installation of AMI smart meters. Brandi will be creating information on the website. We need to work on putting some information together about eyeonwater.com for residents with screenshots about setting up notifications and other helpful tips.

2. Could create a customer support email address for residents who have issues.

ii. Climate Action Plan 2030

1. March 8 TC meeting for launch for the development of the Plan. Brandi and intern met with Town lawyer and consulting firm about adoption of the Plan. Will be either a CEQA-qualified legal document or guiding document first. No budget associated. Consultants paid by SMC Energy Watch. Conservation Committee may be engaged for habitat and wildfire prevention and Emergency Preparedness Committee as well.

iii. SB 1383 - State's Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy targeting organic waste disposal and surplus food

1. Working with Green Waste and Town Attorney to understand how to roll out the mandatory services for commercial and residential waste. Working to reduce high procurement target for mulch. Edible food recovery handling by County.

iv. Green building amendments and electrification of existing buildings

1. Brandi updated the webpages on Planning website to contain the new amendments to the Green Building and WUI ordinances, 2022 building code. Working on outreach materials. Looking to include rebates on the website. Webinar next week with Josie Gaillard and Tom Kabat on electrification.

v. Disposable Foodware Ordinance – no updates

- b. 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
- c. Review ongoing effort to issue “Public Service Announcements” on PVForum (January – Greenhouse Gases, Ronny; February – Greenhouse Gases, Anita)
 - i. Induction cooktop launch – include rebates from Bayren
 - ii. New PSA: How to convert to an induction cooktop. (Brandi to check with Building official about power needs and process, plumber and electrician)
 - iii. New PSA: Separately discuss the childhood asthma study. Need to check power requirements for battery needs to cooktop.
 - iv. Brandi checking with attorney about posting Ronny’s Tech post.
 - v. Scott installing HP, new duct work; Ronny installed new HP. Potential for PSA on process of switching to heat pump.
- d. Develop ideas for additional outreach related to HomeIntel energy audit tool
 - i. Brandi to follow up with HomeIntel for collateral and potential short update talk at SC.
- e. Finalize committee inputs for January 2023 Committee Workshop Regarding Major Town Council Projects and Expenditures for FY 2023-24 – 7 pm on 1/25/2023
 - i. Town pursuing electrification of Town Center, kitchen, boiler.
 - ii. January 2023 Committee Workshop Regarding Major Town Council Projects and Expenditures for FY 2023-24 – Sustainability inputs:
 - 1. Community Education – continuing monthly
 - 2. Smart water education and outreach – continuing, waiting for Cal Water update. [Mail card to town, once entirely installed (notifications, etc).]
 - 3. Climate Action Plan – continuing, waiting for inputs.
 - 4. Existing building stock electrification opportunities – plan, education, and get community on board and promote
 - 5. Demos – induction stove – need instruction material still. Continue to promote solar battery. Other ideas: Ebikes, Swytch Bike, smart plugs, Emporia Vue, other items to promote electrification. (Could do a pilot project of Emporia Vue).
 - 6. Wildfire Fair in April – Demo Solar battery. Plan giveaways? [sign up for HEIntel before event and then get a giveaway...]
 - 7. School bus? (Brandi to add inputs to climate action plan); promote eBikes?
 - 8. Movie nights? – considering
 - 9. Convert community hall gas stove into an induction system (capture by video installation process, etc); apply for funding from Inflation Reduction Act?
 - 10. Explore: Gas water heater loaner to give people time to install a heat-pump system
- f. Finalize committee inputs to the Safety Element
 - i. Include the edits to the text.
 - ii. P72, P73, P74, P76, P78. P79 should be moved to Emergency Preparedness.
 - iii. P77 should be rewritten specific for Climate Adaptation section. Only Actions 2, 3, 4, are relevant for Climate Change.
 - iv. Keep track of these Actions for the Climate Action Plan:

A-83-3 Expand electrification of homes in the Town through education, programs, and incentives.

A83-4 Expand onsite solar, wind, and renewable energy generation and battery storage.

A83-5 Expand Electric Vehicle expansion and evaluate charging infrastructure.

A83-6 Expand the use of smart grid and electricity demand technologies to reduce strains on the electrical infrastructure.

A-84-2 Develop local renewable energy generation and storage for the Town to build energy resiliency.

- g. Plan details for town-wide session with EN-ROADS simulation tool on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – date TBD
 - i. Date to be checked with Brandi and the Town.
 - ii. Anita and Scott to be on the subcommittee planning the event.
 - iii. Some limited, simple refreshments to be offered.
 - iv. Provide future actions for participants to engage in after the seminar. Rebecca to come up with some additional ideas.
 - v. Possibility of hybrid in the Schoolhouse.

7. NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS

- a. Wildfire Event planning
- b. Home Intel talk
- c. Other devices for loaner programs
- d. Sync up about EN-ROADS seminar

8. ADJOURNMENT at 9:19 pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is on February 16, 2023 at 7PM.

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.