



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
August 17, 2023
8:00 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

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Present: Scott Elrod, Jay Saleh, Rebecca Flynn (Sec'y), Ronny Krashinsky, Leslie Field, Brandi di Garneau; Absent: Anita Wotiz, Loverine Taylor
Community: Kristi Corley

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - none

Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.

3. INTRODUCTIONS - none

4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. PCE Green Home Tour in October.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Meeting of July 20, 2023

i. Minutes approved (4/0), with correction of the typo of the library card.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Updates from Brandi

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

1. Expect to install 2500. Have replace 658, most in Los Trancos plus the Ranch. Currently in Westridge, Golden Hills. Thanks to feedback from Loverine Taylor, they are providing further training to the installers. They have made a step-by-step guide on how to access the online system. It takes 7-10 days from the time of install until the website account is active. Still waiting for retrofit parts for customers with Flume. They prefer that folks switch to the AMR meter for \$50 refund. Brandi working with Kari to update the website to include information about Eye on Water and how to use the information being collected.

2. Rebecca committed to check the Water Efficiency section of the website and help update it with the smart meter and include Cal Water's new information about EyeOnWater. We might want to create a postcard or further information on the use of the analytics.

3. Scott to work on the website to check for bad links.

ii. Greenwaste interactions, tour planning, HEA insert in future Greenwaste mailings
1. Looking for October dates, tour capacity limit of only 10 people with headsets.

iii. Climate Action Plan 2030

1. On hold due to staffing issues

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

1. Completed our electronic report. A grant allowed us to participate in a compost procurement program to meet the target and provided the compost to agricultural facilities and for the fields. Brandi to contact Webb Ranch and Wheeler Farms about certification. Need to encourage residents with large landscaping projects to use SB1383 compliant compost. (Lyngso and Greenwaste). Need to start a voluntary process for residents to use the compost and submit their receipts to the Town for

- tracking. Website to be updated with more information about the food waste regulations and compost.
- 2. Green Waste: construction waste and disposal without the tracking program. Brandi to see about more info for recycling construction waste.
- v. Green building amendments and electrification of existing buildings – no update
- vi. Disposable Foodware Ordinance – no update
- b. Review ongoing effort to issue “Public Service Announcements” on PVForum
 - i. Rebecca updated on tax credits for energy efficiency upgrades and on Ohm Connect.
 - ii. Leslie Field to work on something for September on Bright Ice, Geoengineering
 - iii. Loverine on Smart meter experience
 - iv. Ronny on SM Youth Climate Ambassadors Program
- c. Library loaner program: updates related to e-bike, budget for Lomi composter
 - i. We have the budget for the Lomi, unclear for the e-bike. We need to talk to the Town Attorney about liability issues.
 - ii. Possible to open the program to the entire County. Need to check with the Town Attorney first.
 - iii. Brandi to check with Town Manager about the Town Attorney request.
 - iv. Anita when she gets back to order and create an info brochure for the Lomi. Scott to work on the liability waiver.
 - v. Request from Kristi Corley for Town to contact with Truckee about borrowing bikes and their legal language.
- d. 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, passive house windows, sustainable construction, home solar and battery, small scale solar and battery, smart electrical panel, various EV models, plant-based eating.
 - i. No response from the residents except two members from the Sustainability Committee to act as “experts” on various sustainability issues.
 - ii. Put out another email request for potential “experts” or experienced residents.
- e. Possible committee focus on regulations related to cool roof/walls (need to comprehend within committee priorities).
 - i. Some new roof materials coming on the market that meet design guidelines as well as cool roof. Can encourage residents to use these materials.
 - ii. Would need to go through the Town Council for study by the Planning Department.
 - iii. Brandi to speak with Carol/Planning Department and will check with the Building Code about status.
- f. Participation in Town Picnic on September 23, 2023.
 - i. Decided not to participate.
- g. 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. How do we get people to care and be engaged about climate change and take action and make changes in their lives.

- b. How to get people to connect the current environmental disasters to the need for immediate action.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is September 21, 2023.

Adjournment at 9:23 PM.

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.