



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
March 21, 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

NOTE: This meeting will be virtual only, with the Zoom coordinates specified below.

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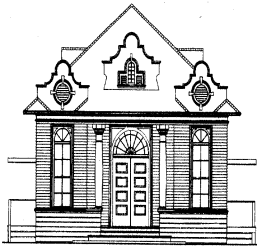
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.
- 3. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Meeting of February 15, 2024
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Climate Action Plan: discussion of Climate Action Plans for San Mateo, Woodside and Menlo Park
 - i. <https://woodsideca.gov/229/Climate-Action-Plan>
 - ii. <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/2769/Climate-Action-Plan>
 - iii. <https://menlopark.gov/Government/Departments/City-Managers-Office/Sustainability/Climate-Action-Plan>
- 7. NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is April 18, 2024.

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TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
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Feb 15, 2015
7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: 7:01 AM

Scott Elrod, Chair - Absent
Jason Saleh, Vice Chair
Rebecca Flynn, Secretary
Leslie Field, Member
Ronny Krashinsky, Member
Loverine Taylor, Member
Anita Wotiz, Member
Community members - David Cardinal, Kristi Corley, Rita Comes

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Rebecca attended two 3CREN webinars: Energy Code and Home Performance Audits
- Rebecca reading *The Power of Existing Buildings* by Sroufe, Stevenson, and Eckenrode about retrofitting existing buildings instead of tearing down to reduce environmental impacts.
- Ronnie met with Community Collaborations in Menlo Park. Spoke with MP sustainability commission member. They did their MP Climate Action Plan. Now pursuing the policies of the Climate Action Plan: climate change adaptation, EVs, etc. Outreach to the community done through nonprofit under 350 Silicon Valley (not city sponsored) (Community Collaboration Sessions). Can apply for grants, collaboration with PCE. Love our Earth Festival to encourage electrification on April 13 at Bloom House in East Palo Alto with MP, 350 Silicon Valley, and PCE. We can be involved through outreach, steering and planning, 100 vendor coordination, 1000 attendees, sponsorship.
- D. Cardinal: Affordable housing reduces miles traveled. Climate change and walkable city important.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ladera church will offer two more speakers on geo engineering in the coming months: Armand Neukermans and Brent Constantz.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Meeting of January 18, 2024 – approved with one change.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Cal Water smart water meter rollout – Emailed Jeff A., waiting to hear back.
- b. Greenwaste newsletter insert on Home Energy Analytics. Ronnie has not heard back from HEA.
- c. Climate Action Plan 2030...reminder that March meeting will be devoted to comments on Climate Action Plans of San Mateo and Woodside. – Ronnie to resend out links to Climate Action Plans for neighborhood cities in preparation.
Woodside: <https://woodsideca.gov/229/Climate-Action-Plan>
San Mateo: <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/2769/Climate-Action-Plan>
Menlo Park: <https://menlopark.gov/Government/Departments/City-Managers-Office/Sustainability/Climate-Action-Plan>
-> [progress report from 2021](#)
- d. Review reach code summary for San Mateo County (from Jeff Aalfs). Links are included in last month's (Jan) minutes. To review at a future meeting.

- e. Develop plan for Public Service Announcements following Greenwaste MRF Tour. Anita to create a draft and send to Rebecca. Jay mentioned that we include the “why” we sort things (leave a plastic cap on plastic but leave metal lids on glass, crushing a can lengthwise, keeping film plastics together).

7. NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS

- a. MP/EPA Earth Fair April 13 – participation?
- b. Resources for electrification/PSA – audits, Switch is on and Quit Carbon
- c. Calendar of PSAs
- d. Discussion of Climate Action Plan 2030. Review of neighboring cities CAPs.

8. ADJOURNMENT Adjourned 7:55 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is March 31, 2024.

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