



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Open Space Committee
Special Meeting May 23, 2024
5:30 PM

Betsy Morgenthaler, Chair
Nona Chiariello, Vice Chair
Ticien Sassoubre, Secretary
Gary Nielsen, Member
Beverly Lipman, Member
Terry Lee, Member
Carter Warr, 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 three minutes.

3. OLD BUSINESS: The Open Space Fund, corpus and income, 2% Utility User Tax—

Fund origins, voter intent, and Council letter

For Reference

- 2% Utility User Tax, November 1997 Ballot Measure:
http://a2.smartvoter.org/1997nov/races/0320_extra.html
- Town Council Meeting, September 25, 2019 Attachments Link:
<https://www.portolavalley.net/home/showpublisheddocument/13036/637045996424270000>

1. Resolution 1595 -1997 adopting a Ballot Measure for a 2% UUT for Open Space

(red pg 56 – 58)

2. 1997 Ballot Measure (red pg 59 – 60)

3. January 26, 2005 Town Council Minutes (red pg 61)

4. 2005 Town Council Statement Concerning Expenditure Restrictions for Revenues Collected from the Utility Users' Tax (red pg 62)

5. September 28, 2005 Town Council Minutes (red pg 63 – 65)

6. January 26 2017 Open Space Fund Guidelines (red pg 66 – 67)

4. ADJOURNMENT

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