



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Cultural Arts Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 14, 2024
1:00 PM

John Badger, Chair
Wesley Barrow, Member
Phil Barth, Member
Mimi Breiner, Member
Sue Chaput, Member
Ivy Margolis Member
Tamara Turner, Member
Jerrie Welch, Member

HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE 765 PORTOLA ROAD ~ PORTOLA VALLEY

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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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Approval of minutes for previous meeting held on October 10, 2024
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Painting Donation – need to abandon for now
 - b. Christmas Faire – need to abandon for now
 - c. Planning for Summer Concert Series 2025
 - d. MLK event – advise only
 - e. Town authors – Updates from Sue Chaput & Sub-Committee
- 5. OTHER BUSINESS:**
- 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**
The next meeting date will be December 12, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

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.

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: 1:11 P.M.

Committee Members Present (quorum members):

John Badger, Wesley Barrow, Phil Barth, Mimi Breiner, Sue Chaput, Jerrie Welch

Committee members not present:

Ivy Margolis, Tamara Turner

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Approval of minutes for previous meeting held on September 12 2024

Sue moved to approve, Phil seconded, followed by unanimous approval of the minutes

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Status of Town resources and impacts on our planning

Money for CAC in the Town budget is smaller than many larger budget items; total cost is \$9,000 for the summer concert series. There is another budget meeting at the end of the month but to deal with much more serious budget issues. Kari Chinn is no longer working for the Town so we will be working with Corie Stocker. Sharif Etman as Town Manager is gone so planning new events like the Christmas Faire is out of the question.

b. Painting Donation Update – Sue Chaput

Donation process for reference:

<https://www.portolavalley.net/home/showpublisheddocument/3865/635393271701670000>

Sue has not been able to reach anyone at Town Center to proceed forward. No contact back from Sharif Etman to convene the committee to start the process to accept the art donations prior to his dismissal.

Review of the letter of September 12, 2024 to Sharif was read to us by John Badger. Sue Chaput will go to Town Center and speak with someone to request that CAC be the curator of the art collection. John Badger resent the letter to Jeff Aalfs, Town Council member, and to Corie Stocker, Interim Town Manager, letting them know that no response was received; asked how to proceed.

c. Continued planning for Summer Concert Series 2025

At last month’s meeting we discussed seeking a cover band such as a Duo Lipa style, and an alt-folk band which is more mellow and has become quite popular. Another possible option is Samantha Kaige, an amazing graduate of the Berkeley School of Music who is a Nashville style country singer. Her dad is a member of the Whiskey Hillbillies band. Samantha is interested in doing a west coast tour and working a date into our summer concert series. Another possibility is Alec Lyle of Woodside who has been in PV Palooza all three years; he would be a good addition. A local La Honda Ragge band, Pacific Vibration is another possibility; one person is also part of and Zanzibar, a Brazilian style band. Ragge is very popular due to the upbeat tempos. John will work to book from these bands.

d. Town authors – Updates from Sue Chaput & Sub-Committee

We will only need a small amount of money for refreshments so we will plan an author event for January. Best to use the Community Hall as the Schoolhouse doesn’t allow food or drink due to the tech equipment.

e. Movie Night – Updates from Ivy Margolis & Sub-Committee

Ivy was not present, but following a discussion, due to budget problems and time constraints, the group decided to postpone movie night.

f. Christmas Faire – Updates from Wesley Barrow & Sub-Committee

We cannot be in the umbrella from the Town’s insurance. The Town’s response was to hold the Christmas Faire as a fundraiser through PV Palooza, which was not a viable option as per CAC member consensus. John sent an email response that as a Cultural Arts Committee, we hold events, so hopefully this problem can be solved. The purpose of CAC is to hold cultural events that need insurance coverage. In past years money was collected by Faire vendors to defray the Town’s cost for insurance. Due to the budget crisis, CAC members understand that high cost insurance is problematic for the Town.

Our Community room is still unable to fundraise or collect money as a commercial event, at least for the next six years. We still would need insurance for liability coverage. It was determined to cancel our plans for a 2024 Christmas Faire.

Wesley Barrow will contact Windmill School to thank them for offering their space for a minimal fee, but due to insurance and budget issues, we must cancel for a 2024 Christmas Faire.

g. MLK event

John Badger will speak with Jon Silver regarding his MLK proposal. It is a great idea but needs planning and budget. The Race and Equity Committee should continue to be in charge of this event, and CAC will only work with them in an advisory capacity.

5. OTHER BUSINESS: None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: All future meetings will be via Zoom

7. ADJOURNMENT 2:00 pm

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