

PORTOLA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NO. 843 JUNE 27, 2012

Mayor Derwin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Hanlon called the roll.

Present: Councilmembers Jeff Aalfs, Ted Driscoll and Ann Wengert; Mayor Maryann Derwin

Absent: Vice Mayor John Richards

Others: Nick Pegueros, Town Manager  
Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk  
Stacie Nerdahl, Acting Administrative Services Director  
Leigh Prince, Town Attorney Representative

Mayor Derwin told the Council that a protestor who engages in activity protected by the First Amendment would be at Town Center and Deer Meadow Lane on June 28, 2012. The Sheriff's Office is aware of it.

Observing the large audience present, Mayor Derwin confirmed that the Town is in negotiations to purchase the site of the former AI's Nursery at 900 Portola Road to build homes affordable to moderate-income buyers. She emphasized that it's not a "done deal." Noting that the Town is not mandated by law to disclose such information so early in the process, she said the announcement was made in the interest of transparency – to keep the public informed and seek public input at the earliest possible time. Because the item is not on tonight's agenda, she added, comment from the public on this issue would be confined to the Oral Communications period. Due to the audience size, she said the Town Clerk would call speakers one by one from the signup sheet to comment for a maximum of three minutes, as is standard in most jurisdictions. She also pointed out that Councilmembers would listen but, by law, could not engage in discussion on the issue or take any action. She invited those interested to attend a community meeting to discuss the affordable housing issue at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2012 in the Community Hall.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS [7:35 p.m.]

Janet McDougall, South Lake Tahoe, said when she left her position as Portola Valley's Assistant Town Manager in August 2011, former Town Manager Angela Howard was quoted in the *Almanac* as saying that it was a personnel matter and she (Howard) wasn't at liberty to give out details, which some interpreted as misconduct on Ms. McDougall's part. Throughout her 23-year career in public services, Ms. McDougall said, she subscribed to the International City Managers' Association Code of Ethics, which emphasizes transparency and fosters a culture of high ethics as a high priority for all public servants. She said she didn't come to this meeting out of a sense of revenge for having lost her job, but in the interest of transparency, justice and clearing her name.

At the time she was hired Ms. McDougall said that Ms. Howard indicated a plan to retire in 2008 or 2009, and was hoping to have someone with experience succeed her. Ms. McDougall said she was thrilled at the prospect and turned down other opportunities to come to Portola Valley. From time to time during her first year, she said, she experienced rude remarks and hostility from Ms. Howard, but attributed it to stress brought on by the Town Center project and other factors. Ms. McDougall indicated that her November 2008 performance appraisal was positive, but when the conversation turned to salary, Ms. Howard became "haughty," and told Ms. McDougall that she (McDougall) hadn't asked for enough when she took the job. If she needed more money to make ends meet, she was told to take out a home equity loan on her Lake Tahoe property.

She was given a raise, Ms. McDougall said, but it was the last she received in her four years with the Town. She said she was denied decision-making authority and opportunities to use her 20-plus years of experience. When performance appraisals were prepared for all Town employees in 2010, she was the only exception. She said she'd been "manipulated, used, lied to and lied about," but with the economy in turmoil, felt she had no choice but to remain with the Town until her own planned retirement in 2012, a

date that she said she'd disclosed to Ms. Howard before being hired. Ms. McDougall said she spoke with then-Mayor Ted Driscoll, who told her, "You really took a risk in coming to me."

According to Ms. McDougall, a subsequent investigation resulted in him (Driscoll) confirming what she (McDougall) had reported, but then when Ms. Howard announced her retirement plans and the Town Attorney became involved, "the tables were turned." The Mayor told her, "This changes everything," and she (McDougall) was cast as "a problem employee." She said she received a written response to her concerns indicating that there was no money for a raise for her, with no mention either of her performance being deficient or Ms. Howard's failure to provide her with a written performance appraisal. Instead, Ms. McDougall said, Ms. Howard "relied on her notes of a conversation that never actually took place." Despite being unable to give her a raise, Ms McDougall said the Town found \$5,000 to give the Town Manager. It had become apparent to her, as Ms. McDougall put it, that she'd been hired "to do the work to enable the manager to receive the praises and the raises."

On August 25, 2011, she said, she received a letter indicating that her employment was being terminated for cause, that she had "been found to be incompetent and derelict in my duties." Considering her recent discussion with Mr. Driscoll, she considered it "clearly retaliation." The letter cited "several incredibly flimsy findings supporting these allegations," including 1) failure to supervise the Town Clerk, making it necessary for the Town Manager to assume that supervision and 2) nearly causing the Town to lose more than \$200,000 in state grants associated with the Ford Field renovation project.

Ms. McDougall cited a project timeline included in the Council packet for its January 11, 2012 meeting, which she said was accurate with one significant exception. When learning the grant money was once again available, she said, she immediately began putting together a schedule and strategy to ensure the Town would receive the state funding. The Town Manager directed her to discontinue that work, but she (McDougall) later resumed because she didn't want the Town to lose out on the funding. She said Steve Toben would remember when he came into Town Hall during the 2010 holiday closure period to find her working to ensure that ABAG had all the documentation necessary to reimburse the Town for Triangle Park improvements, because she "never wanted to leave grant money on the table." She said if she took the \$15,000 grant (for Triangle Park) so seriously, "you can be assured I would have given a \$200,000 grant my full attention."

She said it angers her that Ms. Howard had the audacity to make these allegations, particularly since as she (McDougall) was working on the Ford Field grants, she also was making extensive updates to the Town's local hazard mitigation efforts. She said ABAG staff praised her for being among the first to submit a completed plan.

In over nearly 40 years in both private and public sectors, Ms. McDougall continued, she never received a poor performance appraisal. She said Portola Valley residents have given the Town Council a great deal of authority, including creating rules that govern personnel matters, and she found it disconcerting that the Council didn't enforce its own rules, the consequences of which have been personally devastating. The "stigma of being fired has cut me to the core," she said, and being fired for cause made her ineligible for some retirement benefits she'd expected to receive. Her firing thus saved the Town money, she said, but "that is not frugality, it is dishonesty."

Ms. McDougall said she recently spoke at the State Capital in favor of SB 1336, legislation sponsored by William Yee to strengthen whistleblower laws, and is spending her time and energy to ensure the highest level of government transparency as well as supporting employees in the workplace, because bullying in the workplace has become epidemic." Ms. McDougall said when she saw a Closed Session item related to a Town Manager Performance Evaluation on the May 9, 2012 Town Council meeting agenda, she hoped the Town might be prepared to offer her severance to "take some of the sting" out of what happened. She said she believed that the Closed Session was later canceled because the Town learned that she'd decided against filing a wrongful termination suit. She said she's now renewing her request for a severance payment.

Ms. McDougall thanked Steve Toben and Jon Myers for their kindness and offers to serve as references, and Wendi Haskell for a letter to the editor she sent to the *Almanac* after her termination. She acknowledged Richard Merk for his attempts to bring problems in the workplace to light in 2005. While she didn't always agree with his approach, Ms. McDougall said she always admired Mr. Merk's commitment to transparency. She told Mr. Pegueros she was delighted to hear that he was hired as the new Town Manager, and that he "will not find a better staff than the Town of Portola Valley staff." She left some materials with him to place in her personnel file.

### 900 Portola Road Negotiations

Beth Gillbrand, Los Trancos Road, having served on Windmill School Board, said she has an acute sense of what a treasure the institution is. She spoke of its long history and search for a long-term home. She said the school made a big investment to put itself in a position to be able to buy the property that the Town now wants to purchase to build below-market-rate (BMR) housing.

Tracy Wang, Corte Madera Road, who was on the original committee to help Windmill School find a new home about eight years ago, said she worked closely with the Town Council when the Town Center was in the planning phase and being considered as a possible location for the school. Later, she said the Windmill group worked closely with Ormondale School to possibly rent unused space on its campus. After her period of involvement, Ms. Wang said later Board members looked at other sites. Finally, Windmill found a place where neighbors would welcome the school – the 900 Portola Road property.

Allan Brown, Goya Road, spoke to the longevity of Windmill School as a Town institution. After the first time he moved to Portola Valley in about 1960, he said, his three young sons attended Windmill and the school served them very well. Mr. Brown suggested the Council favor to the greatest extent possible community institutions that have had such an impact on the people of the Town, rather than something mandated by ABAG. He said it's difficult to understand why a remote area such as Portola Valley should have to provide low-income housing, when the time would be better spent trying to change the law that requires it.

Elizabeth Cushman, Portola Road, who serves on the Windmill Board, said the school provides wonderful early education in play-based, loving, creative ways, with excellent staff and ample social events and volunteering opportunities. The school promotes lifelong friendships and provides sense of community that's at the root of what Portola Valley stands for. Three years from now, she said she will have had three children attend Windmill, two of whom are now Ormondale students. Ms. Cushman pointed out that Windmill's ability to remain in Town is in jeopardy, because its lease expires in a year. Efforts to relocate have been difficult and have endured for a long time. Now that Windmill has identified a suitable site, she said, it would be a tragedy for Portola Valley to lose the school. Ms. Cushman also said that while she appreciates the effort to be transparent, it feels as if the Town entered negotiations secretly, knowing well that Windmill wants the property.

Jodi Cocconi said that for the past 15 years she's resided part-time at 4141 Alpine Road (the current Windmill School address) – and she's been very excited for the past three years about the possibility of the school moving to 900 Portola Road. She said she's taken part in every one of the school's journeys toward a new home, from the Town Center, to Ormondale, to Corte Madera School. And every time, she said, the door has been shut. She said all surrounding communities provide early childhood education, so she challenges Portola Valley to think about the next generation. As someone who would live in an affordable unit, if I don't have a job, it doesn't matter.

Maryanna Matsumoto, Hidden Valley Lane, Woodside, said she supports those who have spoken in favor of Windmill School, an asset to the community for 50 years, helping the youngest go on to the public schools and become part of the wider community. In terms of balancing this asset – which has served hundreds of children and families – against nice homes for 10 to 12 families, she said she'd vote in favor of Windmill School.

Elizabeth Poggi, 3538 Alpine Road, has two sons who graduated from Windmill School and one currently enrolled. She said the school fosters a sense of community and volunteerism, and “we build wonderful humans.” With high hopes for the school relocating to 900 Portola Road, she said she’s very disappointed at the thought of losing Windmill by putting that location to another use.

Bernie Bayuk, Paloma Road, greeted Councilmembers he hadn’t seen in a long time, noting that he “used to be a regular.” David Boyce’s *Almanac* article about the Town’s negotiations for the former Al’s Nursery site brought back memories and an issue he thought had been settled in 2003 – high-density housing in Portola Valley. What the Town proposes for the property, Mr. Bayuk said, works out to five houses per acre. In 2003, he recalled, when discussions focused on the Nathhorst Triangle, the Council approved a zoning change to permit 5.3 houses per acre. Subsequently, voters rescinded those zoning changes in a referendum. Nine years later, he said, the issue has resurfaced, and high-density housing does not belong in Portola Valley. Noting that whether people are able to live where they work is another issue, he said the issue here is the Town’s rural character, and he objects to setting a precedent permitting high-density housing, because it would plant a seed that some owners of large parcels might see it as a way to also build five houses per acre.

Bud Eisberg, Wyndham Drive, expressed displeasure at the Council’s actions for several reasons. From a neighborhood standpoint, he said, the proposal would be a drastic change adjacent to his property. Further, he claimed the letter he received discussed the project in a way that it’s a done deal in which recipients were invited to participate in planning. More than a year ago, he said people from Windmill School contacted him and other neighbors; he and many others liked what they heard. He indicated that Al’s Nursery’s original owners also supported the Windmill proposal. Having put his children through Windmill School also, Mr. Eisberg echoed what others said about its positive influence.

He posed a number of questions to the Council: Why aren’t these BMR units being built in Blue Oaks, inasmuch as the project was approved there in 1996? He said he served on the ASCC then, and recalls seeing BMR locations on the Blue Oaks property, in the center of the project initially, and later near Los Trancos Creek. If building BMR housing is so important, how far does this proposal go to satisfying the state mandate and why weren’t the units built in Blue Oaks in the first place? What are other towns similar to Portola Valley doing in terms of BMR housing? Mr. Eisberg said what bothers him most is the Council’s lack of openness in this process. He said the Windmill School people kept neighbors very well-informed, and that the Town has been involved in these negotiations for quite some time. In closing, he asked whether residents will have an opportunity to vote as they did in the Nathhorst situation.

Betty Bradford, Wyndham Drive, has lived in Portola Valley 23 years, and with no children, she said she has no personal biases toward Windmill School. She said she reviewed the Town’s General Plan, and noted that in 1990, a total of 33 units were designated for BMR housing at Blue Oaks. She also said in reviewing AB 1813, the Senate Bill and the California Fair Housing Law, she saw nothing about the number of units required on the basis of population size. She said the 2010 census recorded 4,353 people in Portola Valley, down almost 300 people from 4,622 in 2000. She said she read that the Town would sell the Blue Oaks lots to pay for the former Al’s Nursery site, but with half of those lots vacant, “good luck trying to sell them in this economy.” Ms. Bradford said the state subsidizes BMR homeowners, and they are entitled to special mortgages, which would diminish Portola Valley’s revenue. She reiterated Mr. Eisberg’s question about why this issue wasn’t open up front, and why there isn’t a referendum so that residents may vote on it as was the case with the Nathhorst proposal. She also asked whether the Stanford Wedge was considered.

Mark Bronder, Wyndham Drive, has lived at his residence for 22 years – a “newbie,” he said, in contrast to many others in the audience. He doesn’t recall any high-density housing on Portola Valley’s side of the freeway from Woodside to Los Altos Hills, and he doesn’t want it in this Town. Nor does he want a traffic light or a stop sign. He said, “It sounds like you guys got out-negotiated with Blue Oaks and threw us under the bus.” According to Mr. Bronder, neighbors are prepared to chip in to hire legal counsel to fight the project proposed. He said he doesn’t want to hear, “We did more than the legal minimum,” because the legal minimum isn’t a good standard to go by.

Monika Cheney, Goya Road, is co-president of Windmill School. Encouraged by the many people who showed up to speak out on behalf of the school on 24 hours' notice, Ms. Cheney said the school learned via a news release that the Town was negotiating for the property, which was both disheartening and disappointing. She said the Town is well aware of the school's intense efforts over the past two years to acquire the property at 900 Portola Road. She said Windmill School has served as a critical institution in Portola Valley for 50 years, and pointed out that because there are no public preschool options in the community, it has served as a long-time community institution and feeder school to the Town's public schools. She noted the presence in the audience of Joan Barksdale, Windmill School's first director. As Ms. Cushman pointed out earlier, Ms. Cheney said the spirit of volunteerism the school instills continues throughout the School District and into the community at large.

Ms. Cheney said the situation with Windmill School's proposed relocation to 990 Portola Road is an urgent one, and the move also would enable the school to offer more of the programs today's families want. In the interest of brevity, Ms. Cheney didn't enumerate the many properties the school has looked at and tried to rent, but she pointed out that Town representatives, including Council and Planning Commission members, the Town Manager, and others have met repeatedly with school representatives over the past two years, reviewing renderings of the school's site project and airing potential concerns. Even as recently as June 7, 2012 ASCC meeting, she said, the school expressed strong interest in acquiring the former Al's Nursery property. Funds for the purchase have been sitting in the title company. The only reason the school has been unable to close is the significant contamination its due diligence revealed. With all this in mind, she said the Council should understand the dismay aroused by the news release. In closing, she said that Windmill is a high priority, and the Town needs to evaluate its priorities.

Lawrence Marks, Wayside Road, said he and his wife moved to Portola Valley about five years ago when they started their family. Among the attractions were the schools, and finding a nondenominational preschool was important. Windmill was a great place for their eldest son and they've looked forward to it being relocated to the Al's Nursery site for their other children. Although disappointed to read what "sounded like a foregone conclusion" in the Town's news release, he said it's "great news" to now learn that there will be a good dialogue.

Gaja Frampton, Carmel Way, said she was dismayed to find an email from "out of nowhere" about the Town's desire to acquire the Al's Nursery property, because as many speakers noted, Windmill School has been transparent about its interest in that property for a long time. With one child in Windmill and the other – a Windmill graduate – now in kindergarten, she said that early childhood education should be part of the school system, and the Town hasn't shown much respect for that. She said the move to acquire the Al's Nursery property is "unbelievable," and her first experience with the Town Council has been "terrible." She urged the Council to reconsider its plan to purchase the property.

Mark Gainey, Willowbrook Drive, a single parent who brought his two Windmill School graduates with him to the meeting, said he's served on the steering committee to find a new home for the school for the past year, and they've been very open and transparent about all of it. He said he and others feel blindsided by the Town's announcement. He said he recognizes the challenges the Town faces in terms of BMR housing, noting that his family lived in Blue Oaks until a few months ago. He said the school people are mature and can handle difficult conversations, but "it doesn't feel as though we're getting a booklist."

With no other speakers coming forward, Mayor Derwin reiterated that the Council is unable to discuss the matter now, but based on what she's heard, she asked whether her colleagues on the Council might want to put together an informal brainstorming meeting to discuss options regarding Windmill School and how the Town can best work with residents. With the Council's concurrence, she said that interested parties should let Ms. Cheney know. Mr. Pegueros said he'd arrange a time and invite the interested parties.

When a number of people in the audience pushed for more information and asked more questions, Mayor Derwin repeated that as a matter of law, the Council cannot discuss the Al's Nursery situation tonight.

Councilmember Wengert, as the point person in this matter, emphasized, "This is not a done deal – what we have proposed is not a done deal. There has been no decision. This is the very initial stages. There is no plan that's been developed, there is no transaction that is sitting in my desk or anybody else's desk or looking at a schematic of affordable housing for this site. We truly are at the very beginning of this process." Councilmember Wengert added, "It's not likely any solution will provide a solution for Windmill within a year, even if AI's were the solution, it's unlikely that transaction could occur quickly . . . from a practical standpoint." The meeting Mayor Derwin offered would provide an opportunity "to really address the issues of what help the Town can provide Windmill, separate from the discussion of that parcel . . . separately hearing your input about the value of Windmill . . . It is a very valuable institution in the Town, and a discussion needs to happen now about alternatives in the event something isn't put forward."

Audience members continued to challenge the Council. Mayor Derwin then announced that the Council would move onto the next segment of the agenda, and brought the meeting back to order.

CONSENT AGENDA [8:29 p.m.]

- (1) Ratification of Warrant List: June 27, 2012 in the amount of \$453,007.77
- (2) Recommendation by Town Attorney: Adoption of Agreement to Accept the C-1 Trail Easement
  - (a) Adoption of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley Approving and Authorizing Execution of the Easement Agreement and the Grant of Easement from The Board of Trustees of Leland Stanford Junior University to the Town of Portola Valley (Resolution No. 2557-2012)
- (3) Recommendation by Town Planner: Adoption of Amendments to Site Development and Zoning Ordinances to Adjust Permit Appeals Periods and Time Limits
  - (a) Second Reading of Title, Waive Further Reading, and Adopt an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley Amending Title 15 [Buildings and Construction] and Title 18 [Zoning] of the Portola Valley Municipal Code to Adjust Permit Appeals Periods and Time Limits (Ordinance 2012-397)

By motion of Councilmember Aalfs, seconded by Councilmember Driscoll, the Council approved Items 1- 3 on the Consent Agenda with the following roll call vote:

Aye: Councilmember Aalfs, Driscoll, Wengert, Mayor Derwin

No: None

REGULAR AGENDA

- (4) Public Hearing: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget [8:30 p.m.]
  - (a) Adoption of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley Adopting the Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (Resolution No. 2558-2012)

Mr. Pegueros explained that the budget presented to the Council at its June 20, 2012 meeting has been adjusted to reflect the Council's decision to pay off the CalPERS Side Fund. With no comments or questions from Councilmembers, Mayor Derwin opened the public hearing.

Laura Fanucchi, who lives on Brittan Avenue in San Carlos, said she spends a lot of time in Portola Valley because her husband is Woodland School's athletic director. She came to this meeting to reiterate a funding request on behalf of HIP Housing, where she serves as Associate Director. She said her

organization is dedicated to making affordable housing available throughout San Mateo County, and currently keeps more than 1,200 people housed through its home-sharing and self-sufficiency programs for families with children, and also through properties it owns and manages. In addition to government support, she said, HIP Housing depends on financial support from 15 of the county's 20 jurisdictions. Ms. Fanucchi also said that after reviewing the Housing Element in Portola Valley's General Plan, she would like to come back to the Council again to make a presentation elaborating on the Town's options for increasing affordable housing.

With no other speakers coming forward, Mayor Derwin closed the public hearing and brought the matter back to the Council.

Councilmember Driscoll asked whether the Council would be able to increase not-for-profit agency funding if this budget were to be adopted. Mr. Pegueros said that the budget has a contingency line item that could provide that flexibility.

Councilmember Aalfs moved to adopt Resolution No. 2558-2012, approving the Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Seconded by Councilmember Wengert, the motion carried 4-0.

(5) Recommendation by Acting Administrative Service Director: Not-for-profit Agency Funding Requests [8:34 p.m.]

Ms. Nerdahl explained that the proposal in her memorandum to the Council of June 27, 2012, did not address HIP Housing's request, but only 1) San Francisquito Watershed Project (\$5,200); 2) Sustainable San Mateo County (\$3,000); 3) Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (\$1,300); and 4) Joint Venture Silicon Valley (\$500). At Mr. Pegueros's recommendation, Councilmembers agreed to take \$1,000 from the contingency line item to award to HIP Housing.

Councilmember Driscoll moved to accept the staff recommendation for \$10,000 in not-for-profit agency funding for 2012-2013, plus \$1,000 for HIP Housing. Seconded by Councilmember Aalfs, the motion carried 4-0.

(6) Recommendation by Acting Administrative Service Director: Annual Adoption of the Town's Investment Policy [8:36 p.m.]

- (a) Adoption of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley Adopting a Revised Town Investment Policy (Resolution No. 2559-2012)

While the adoption of the Town's investment policy is part of the annual budget adoption process, Ms. Nerdahl said this year, the Finance Committee recommended changes that have been incorporated into Resolution No. 2559-2012.

Councilmember Driscoll said it was frustrating that the Finance Committee had been aware in previous years that certain investments weren't being managed in accordance with the Town's Investment Policy.

Councilmember Driscoll moved adoption of Resolution No. 2559-2012, revising the Town's Investment Policy. Seconded by Councilmember Aalfs, the motion carried 4-0.

(7) Recommendation by Town Manager: Agreement for Administrative and Management Services [8:38 p.m.]

- (a) Adoption of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley Approving an Agreement for Administrative and Management Services between the Town of Portola Valley and Regional Government Services Authority (Resolution No. 2560-2012)

Mr. Pegueros said he'd identified Regional Government Services (RGS), a provider of interim staff to public agencies, as the best firm to help the Town by filling the Planning Department Manager position on an interim basis. He recommended that Council authorize a contract with RGS, at a cost estimated at \$10,000 per month for six months or until a permanent employee is hired. He said he plans to begin recruiting in October 2012 and hopes to fill the position by year-end 2012.

In response to questions from Councilmember Wengert, Mayor Derwin and Councilmember Aalfs, respectively, Mr. Pegueros said:

- The RGS interim manager would begin on July 9, 2012.
- Staff has met the individual, who is a good fit, with the right personality and ample planning experience, including in communities that with high environmental standards.
- The interim manager could be considered during the recruiting process for a permanent hire.

Councilmember Wengert moved adoption of Resolution No. 2560-2012, approving an agreement with RGS to provide Portola Valley with an interim Planning Department Manager. Seconded by Councilmember Driscoll, the motion carried 4-0.

(8) Discussion and Council Action: Proposed Revision to Reimbursement Policy and Ethics Training for Commissioners [8:40 p.m.]

Ms. Prince explained that neither Planning Commission nor ASCC members have apparently sought the reimbursement to which they are legally entitled for participating in two hours of ethics training mandated annually by Town policy. Thus, the Town Attorney's office is asking the Council to consider whether to 1) still allow them reimbursement and require the ethics training or 2) discontinue the opportunity for their reimbursement and not require the training.

In response to Councilmember Driscoll, Ms. Prince said she doesn't believe members of either commission have been asked about this directly. He said they should be. Mayor Derwin said she feels strongly that ethics training should remain a requirement. Councilmember Wengert concurred. Councilmembers agreed to leave the policy as is for now.

(9) Discussion and Council Action: Town Manager Proposed Cancellation of July 11, 2012 and August 22, 2012 Council Meetings [8:45 p.m.]

Mr. Pegueros clarified that the affordable housing meeting announced previously is separate from the July 11, 2012 Council meeting that he proposed canceling. No vote was required; Councilmembers concurred with Mr. Pegueros's recommendation to cancel both meetings.

(10) Discussion and Council Action: Proposed Ad-Hoc Affordable Housing Community Relations Committee [8:49 p.m.]

Because an informal meeting to discuss affordable housing is planned for July 11, 2012, this item was pulled from the agenda.

(11) Reports from Commission and Committee Liaisons [8:50 p.m.]

Councilmember Aalfs:

(a) Architectural and Site Control Commission (ASCC)

Following its regular meeting on June 25, 2012, the ASCC continued with an evening field meeting visiting 120 Golden Hills Drive, so that Commissioners could evaluate fixtures, including bollards in the driveway, and proposed lighting plans in both before- and after-dark viewing conditions.

Councilmember Driscoll:

(b) Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee

Councilmember Driscoll attended the June 27, 2012 meeting of the Roadway Safety Solutions Team. He reported that this group – which evolved from a closed-session gathering held during Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's April 2012 summit – has formed three subcommittees – Behavior/PR, Infrastructure, and Education/Institutional Change. Councilmember Driscoll said that on the infrastructure side, the group is trying to identify best practices, including coordination among jurisdictions for consistency of bike lanes across community boundaries, and will review pertinent documents from town engineers from across the U.S. He said the group also is trying to identify a smart phone application that allows people on the road to report potholes. In addition to SVBC members, the group includes representatives of the Webcor/Alto Velo Bicycle Club and large peloton groups, town engineers and other government agency representatives.

Councilmember Wengert:

(c) Council of Cities

Rebuilding Together Peninsula's Executive Director, Seana O'Shaughnessy, made a presentation, "Working Together in these Difficult Times," at the June 22, 2012 dinner meeting.

Mayor Derwin:

(d) Safe Routes to School Coalition

Kari Rust, Portola Valley School District parent and Safe Routes to School Coalition member, and Mayor Derwin met with SamTrans to begin a dialogue on how children can bus free from Ormondale to Corte Madera School, possibly carrying passes attached to their backpacks. Mayor Derwin also said that Ms. Rust applied for county funds for SRS.

(e) Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee (addendum)

Mayor Derwin met with Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee member Shandon Lloyd – who also heads a C/CAG subcommittee – regarding safety measures proposed for a stretch of Alpine Road between Webb Ranch and Interstate 280.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS [8:58 p.m.]

(12) Town Council June 22, 2012 Weekly Digest

- (a) #4 – Email to Town Council from Sharon Driscoll, Chair of Teen Committee, requesting transfer of net proceeds to Open Space Acquisition Fund – June 19, 2012

The Council accepted proceeds from the Teen Committee to the Open Space Acquisition Fund.

ADJOURNMENT [8:59 p.m.]

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Mayor

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Town Clerk