

March 13, 2023 10 AM meeting Council comments on agenda for next council meetings

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Quorum of 4 of 7 present Gary Ernst, Nan Shostak, Wrucke, and Wrucke,

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

Speakers' time is limited to three minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. February 6, 2023
2. February 21, 2023

4. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion: Committee charter

Aware that Committees do not set policy

Questions for charter- Can we Increase coordination between the committee and the geologist consultant, Cotton Shires. Additionally, in the unlikely event, there is a difference between Geologist Consultant (not town geologist) then there will be open discussion with participation from the consultant, site visit, a third party could be engaged if the continued need for resolution? All this could happen before coming to staff or TC.

Differences of interpretation need to be aired with the Committee in order to appraise the Town Residents in a public arena to the risks that they face. State Geological survey or USGS could be the disinterested third-party expert in local scientific geology will be brought in for mediation of irreconcilable geological interpretation.

Want access to report to the Town Council to improve response to the Geological Safety Committee's need for geological information and decisions. What would it cost to have the Geologists give an hour a month to the Committee?

Requests- Trenching-details information from trenching should be accessible in full to town geologists. Minimal resolution for documentation in length and detail. Live access to the trenches would be helpful. Bore hole sampling logs, standard is to Polish one wall of the trench. Long term information for the town 's safety.

A Subcommittee Nan Shostak and Bob Wrucke was set up review potential guidelines for long term town access to geologic information to inform our future. Residents do not want trenches because of possible effect on land values. Better to be informed than dead as we learned from fire. Expensive, not always the gold standard. Recent scientific information needs to be the basis of prioritizing.

Not on the new agenda-My question- subcommittees- how long can be maintained? A big job...

Ad hoc committee – does that get more work time? 2-4

2. Discussion: Committee’s work plan for 7/1/2023-6/30/2024

Town council Priorities as the Council as approved by TC were discussed and the committee brought forward its list of 16 projects which fit well with our priorities see table on p6 of the agenda package. Those will be reviewed further for staff needs and timing and after digestion will be reviewed by liaison with staff, as a possible way to diminish staff stress and increase function. To do this work they need to increase their membership to 7 and the addition of Troy and Steve Ingebritson was entertained. The Chairman will notify the Council of his decision. Then the committee will be full.

3. Discussion: Process for updating the Town’s Geologic and Ground Movement Maps

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.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

Liaison Memo

TO: Mayor and Members of the Town Council

FROM: Sarah Wernikoff

DATE: March 22 2023

RE: ASCC Meeting 3.13.23

OVERVIEW:

1. Preliminary Architectural Review of addition/remodel at Alpine Inn.

- The building currently includes a 450 SF kitchen addition that was added to the historic structure. The addition is significantly substandard by current standards. The applicant proposes to demolish the 450 SF kitchen and outdoor bar and construct a 968 SF kitchen addition in the same location as the existing lean to and outdoor bar area. The project also includes a new 102 SF walk in cooler and 106 SF outdoor bathroom addition at the rear of the building. Proposed improvements are intended to bring the facility up to code by replacing the kitchen to have code compliant cleaning, dishwashing, and storage areas, upgraded electric and gas services and fire sprinkler installation. The project includes some additional changes to the site including exterior lighting, mechanical equipment pads for upgraded utility and fire sprinkler installation explained further in a later report section. Proposed improvements are intended to improve restaurant efficiency, safety and continue operations; it is not intended to expand the restaurant capacity nor do the proposed conditions require any changes to the governing CUP.
- Commissioner feedback was supportive, including the following comments: “impressed with the proposal,” “very good recommendations,” and “it’s an obvious improvement.”
- ASCC commissioners requested applicant review plans with the chair and vice chair of the Parks and Rec Committee as the next step.
- Item also included a very preliminary conversation about a potential future request for access from the rear parking area to Alpine Road to improve circulation and safety.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

Liaison Memo

TO: Mayor and Members of the Town Council

FROM: Sarah Wernikoff

DATE: Wednesday March 22 2023

RE: March 8th Friends of the Portola Valley Library (FOPVL) Quarterly Meeting

OVERVIEW:

1. **Open Discussion:** PVL is at physical capacity. FOPVL is interested in the Town Center Master Plan and opportunities to expand including a maker space and/or multi-purpose space for expanded programming.
2. **President's Report:** Overview from SMC Friends of the Library meeting including needs to support new a library in East Palo Alto. EPA is the only SMC library that does not have a "Friends" support organization.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** FOPVL primary sources of revenue are donations (~70%), book sales and interest from its \$900K endowment (accumulated donations invested for future capital improvements). FOPVL raised \$38K in 2021-22, above its historical average of \$10-35K annually. Revenue augments SMC programming at Portola Valley Library including area summer learning programs and book purchases.
4. **Library/SMCL Update:** Garret gave new staff introductions and programming highlights. PVL is adaptable and flexible to the needs of the community members (toddler and school age programming, senior programming, jazz and other music events, maker space and art projects, bilingual story times, resource for "power outage refugees," etc.)
5. **Newsletter:** The FOPVL annual fundraising letter will go out in November 2023.
6. **Book Sales:** Raised \$2.1K in 2021-22 through resale of donated books in the alcove.
7. **Nominations:** FOPVL seeks new board members, especially from school aged families.
8. **Archives:** Ongoing work creating electronic records from past decades.