

# Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee Meeting Summary from January 18, 2022

On January 18, 2022 the Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee held an important meeting focused on fire safety. Residents are encouraged to watch the zoom recording if they are interested in this topic and the relationship to the Housing Element update process. The meeting can be viewed [here](#). The meeting is several hours so the summary below includes time stamps to assist in viewing.

The committee first received a [presentation](#) from Susan Hartman, Community Development Director, Town of Paradise on the topic of wildfire resiliency and recovery and the Town's Housing Element update. Susan's presentation starts at 14:25.

Staff [presented](#) the Housing Element update timeline and discussed upcoming topics to come before the Committee. Staff also summarized the parallel process of the Safety Element update timeline and identified which key components of the Safety Element update are being prioritized to facilitate comprehensive Housing Element update analysis. A brief outline of past and planned community outreach for the Housing Element and Safety Element updates were provided. The Staff's presentation starts at 1:29:27.

The committee received a live GIS mapping presentation from Zeke Lunder, Pyrogeographer with Deer Creek Resources. Zeke presented his general observations after driving around much of the Town and analyzing available data. Zeke presented his preliminary assessment of the Town's geographical and vegetation patterns in relation to fire risk. Zeke's presentation starts at 1:57:40.

The Committee also received a [presentation](#) from Don Bullard, Fire Marshall with the Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD). Don's presentation covered methods of creating fire-adapted communities and an update on the WFPD's Fire Code update. Don's presentation starts at 2:37:37.

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The Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee's charge is to develop a Housing Element that complies with State law and will be certified, while maintaining Town values. Agendas are structured to facilitate the completion of the Housing Element on the timeline required by the State.

Until further notice, all meetings will be held virtually. For information on Portola Valley's Housing Element Update process go [here](#). To stay updated, sign up for eNotices and select "Housing" under Calendar heading and "Housing News" under the News heading.

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