

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
ROOM 266, CITY HALL
JANUARY 8, 2013
MINUTES

Item 1– Meeting Called to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Item 2 – Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners: Vincent Chang, Ziping Gan, William Wheeler, and Thomas Wong.

Also Present: Amy Ho, Principal Management Analyst; and Miguel Olivares, Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

Item 3 – Approval of November 13, 2012 and December 11, 2012 meeting minutes:

The approval of the November and December minutes were unanimously approved.

Item 4 – Oral Communications:

None.

Item 5 – Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Postponements:

None.

Item 6 – Old Business

A. CAP Update

Amy mentioned that the consultant to the SGVCOG has completed the City's final draft of the Energy Action Plan. Staff is reviewing the document and providing comments. Thomas requested a copy of the plan for the Commission's review.

B. Long Beach Bike Facility Tour

Vincent reported that the tour is tentatively scheduled for August/September to allow newly elected officials from the March election to participate.

C. Earth Day Festival 2013

The Commission reviewed Earth Day artwork that Ziping solicited from Keppel students. Logos were selected for t-shirts, flyer and a *save-the-date* notice to hopefully publish in the February Cascades.

Vince presented a family bike ride route and discussed a possible advanced route. A meeting will be arranged with the police traffic officer. Amy will look into publishing the bike registration form in the Feb. Cascades.

Thomas reported that about 15 organizations/vendors have committed to host the event. He is working on including alternative-fueled vehicles.

Expenditures should be similar to last year and Thomas hopes to secure an additional \$2,000 contribution from the Water District.

Amy will look into revamping last year's street banner. She will talk to the City Manager about another Earth Day Proclamation that was presented at last year's event.

D. Plastic Bag Ban

Commissioners and staff did not have any updates.

Item 8 - New Business

E. Smoke Free Ordinance

Miguel Olivares presented the Commission with a Certificate of Recognition for their support of smoke free environments. He updated the Commission on the City's municipal ordinance and provided some information on the City's ban compares with other cities.

F. Transportation Summit

Thomas conferred with Greg Verbeck, Chair of the Traffic Commission. Vince and William will try to attend the Traffic Commission's January 17th meeting to discuss the format of the event. The Commission set a tentative date of March 9th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

G. Election of 2012 Commission Officers

Due to 2 vacancies in the Environmental Commission, Thomas conceded to remaining Chair of the Commission. He asked to reserve the right to call an election later in the year.

Item 9 – Announcements

Thomas distributed a flyer on the SR-710 Study Open House meetings that are being held in January.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.