

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM 102, CITY HALL
MAY 8, 2012
MINUTES

Item 1– Meeting Called to Order: 6:07 p.m.

Item 2 – Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners: Vincent Chang, Zenni Duong, Courteney Lam, Nancy Ramirez (via conference call), William Wheeler, and Thomas Wong.

Also Present: Amy Ho, Principal Management Analyst and Albert Lu, ELAC student.

Item 3 – Approval of April 10, 2012 meeting minutes:

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Item 4 – Oral Communications:

None.

Item 5 – Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Postponements:

None.

Item 6 – Old Business

A. Earth Day 2012

Commission members discussed possible improvements for next year's event. Suggestions included better pre-planning in the staging of the bike ride and the distribution of the t-shirts, delegating work to other members, recognition of student advisory commission members, segregating younger children from the bike ride, and coordinating police escort. Also discussed was outreach to the schools as some were not aware of the event, and how to secure additional sponsors to cover expenses such as printing more t-shirts.

Commissioners were asked to jot down notes on improvements, changes, etc. less they be forgotten when planning for next year's event. Commissioners are asked to give some thought on moving the day of the event from the Saturday of the Earth Day week in order to avoid competition with other events held on that day. Also to be considered is whether the event should be combined with Cherry Blossom again.

B. Climate Action Plan

There was no update on the CAP.

Item 7 – New Business

C. SGVMWD Tour

Commissioners were given a heads up on an invitation to the SGVMWD Tour on May 31, 2012.

D. Bike Valet Equipment

Thomas will contact affiliates with ELAC to construct bike valet equipment for future events. The Commission discussed storage options including housing the equipment with members of the SGV Bike Coalition.

E. Environmental Commission Letterhead

Thomas has developed letterhead for the Environmental Commission. He asked for City's approval for its use on Environmental Commission matters.

F. Meeting Location, Date and/or Time Change

Thomas contacted the library secretary regarding the availability of library meeting rooms for the regular Environmental Commission meetings. The Friends Room is available on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 PM and will require the Commission to change its regular meeting day. The Commission and staff are asked to consider this change and other options.

G. Workplan for 2012

Thomas proposes presentations on environmental issues at regular commission meetings. Agencies such as Edison, Athens, So. Cal. Gas, Metro and City departments would be invited to speak on a particular environmental program of interest.

Item 7 – Announcements

Amy announced the County's Regional Park and Open Space District grant to cities in the San Gabriel Valley that have suffered tree loss due to last winter's wind storm. The City is working with Mark Keppel's garden club on a tree restoration project.

Thomas announced that he will have to resign his position as member of the SR 710 Stakeholder Outreach Advisory Committee. Vince has agreed to take his place.

Vince requested that the Commissions participate in the Harmony Car Show in October and asked for volunteers to take the lead.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.