

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM 102, CITY HALL
JULY 10, 2012
MINUTES

Item 1– Meeting Called to Order: 6:09 p.m.

Item 2 – Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners: Vincent Chang, Zenni Duong, Courteney Lam, William Wheeler, and Thomas Wong.

| Also Present: Amy Ho, Principal Management Analyst and Suk ~~Chung~~Chong, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Item 3 – Approval of May 8, 2012 meeting minutes:

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Item 4 – Oral Communications:

None.

Item 5 – Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Postponements:

None.

Item 6 – Old Business

A. CAP Update

Amy indicated that there is no update on the CAP. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is offering several grant/rebate opportunities for Cities to retrofit existing equipment. These programs can assist the City in implementing municipal measures to reduce energy consumption.

B. San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Tour

Commissioners commented on the tour that took place on May 31, 2012. The overall consensus was that the tour was interesting and very informative.

C. Plastic Bag Ban

| Suk ~~Chung~~Chong from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works discussed the status of the County's Plastic Bag Ban. Their program has been successful in eliminating 2 million plastic bags as reported by merchants for 2009. In

addition, paper bags have been reduced from 200,000 in 2009 to an estimated 128,837 for March 2012. Suk mentioned that the County had received a few calls/complaints initially. Suk also brought to the Commission's attention a pending state legislation – AB 298. The legislation essentially mirrors the County's ordinance. Thomas indicated that he hopes that the State's bill will pass. The Commission will hold off taking action pending the outcome of the Sate bill.

D. Meeting Location, Date and Time Change

Amy will look into the use of the second floor Council conference meeting room in order for the Commission to continue to meet at 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of the month.

E. Environmental Commission's Trust Fund

Amy will email the Commission the fund balance.

Item 7 – New Business

F. General Plan Advisory Committee

Jim Basham requested at least one and no more than two Environmental Commissioners to serve on the City's General Plan Advisory Committee to review two new General Plan elements: a Healthy Community Element and a Sustainable Community Element. Thomas and William volunteered to sit on the Committee. Zenni and Courtney would be interested in attending the meetings as observers.

G. Long Beach Bike Facility Tour

Vince discussed a tour of the Long Beach Bike Facility. The tour would be open to staff and City Council. The Commission proposed a tentative date after September.

H. Earth Day Festival 2013

The Commissioners discussed holding Earth Day 2013 in conjunction with the Cherry Blossom festival again. Cherry Blossom will be held on the weekend of April 20-21 in 2013. The Commission will begin planning for the 2013 event at the next meeting.

I. Student Mixer 2012

Thomas asked whether the Commission would be interested in holding another Student Mixer. The Commission is considering holding the mixer at the Oct 6th Car Show in the Community Room.

Item 7 – Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.