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CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM 102, CITY HALL
AUGUST 14, 2012
MINUTES

Item 1– Meeting Called to Order: 6:08 p.m.

Item 2 – Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners: Vincent Chang, Zenni Duong, Nancy Ramirez, William Wheeler, and Thomas Wong.

Also Present: Rey Alfonso, Assistant City Engineer; Jon Traw, Interim Building Official; Amy Ho, Principal Management Analyst; Ed Chen, Athens Services, and guests Stephen Chiao and Grant Aguinaldo.

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

The minutes of the July meeting were approved with the following corrections: Suk Chong's name was incorrectly spelled Chung and for Item 6, C. Plastic Bag Ban, the sentence "Commission will hold off taking action pending the outcome of the State bill" is to be added. Nancy Ramirez abstained from vote because she was not present at the meeting

Item 4 – Oral Communications:

Guests introduced themselves.

Item 5 – Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Postponements:

Item 7 , F. Athens Compost Give-away was moved up to follow Item 6, A.

Item 6 – Old Business

A. CAP Update
Jon Traw, a consultant who is acting Building Official for the City, presented the draft Green Building ordinance that would amend the current building codes. John explained that the proposed amendment would adopt Tier 1 of the State's 2010 Green Building Code and make those measures mandatory. There would be certain amendments for specific exceptions such as in the case of esoteric homes. The Commission requested clarification on the status of the Climate Action Plan. Staff will follow-up with that information. The draft ordinance is scheduled for the August

28th Planning Commission meeting. Thomas requested a copy of the Staff Report prior to the meeting.

B. Meeting Location, Date and/or Time Change.

Staff will look into the possibility of keeping the elevator open after hours in order to access the second floor City Council Conference Room for future Commission meetings.

C. Long Beach Bike Facility Tour
Vincent announced that the tour will have to be deferred until Oct. or Dec. due to Long Beach staff's schedule. He will provide the new dates to the Commission.

D. Earth Day Festival 2013
Thomas asked that the Commissioners reserve the date of April 20, 2013 for Earth Day 2013. The event is tentatively scheduled for 9 AM to 1 PM. Commissioners were asked to start looking for exhibitors and sponsors. Vincent will begin work on the Bike Ride.

E. Student Mixer 2012
Thomas announced that the Student Mixer will be held on Oct. 2, 2012 at the Chamber of Commerce from 5:30 PM to 7 PM. The event will be similar to those that were held in previous years.

Item 7 – New Business

F. Athens Compost Give-away
Ed Chen began his presentation with a brief summary of AB 341 and how Athens is complying with the new State mandate that took effect July 1, 2012. He talked about the compost give-away event that is tentatively set for Sep. 22, 2012 and to be held in the Service Club House parking lot. Commissioners were asked to participate and help with the event.

Item 7 – Announcements

Commissioners and staff announced various upcoming events.

Commissioner Nancy Ramirez announced her resignation due to her limited time availability.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.