

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM 102, CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
MINUTES

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

Item 2 – Roll Call:

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

Also Present: Rey Alfonso, Assistant City Engineer and Amy Ho, Principal Management Analyst.

Item 3 – Approval of August 14, 2012 meeting minutes:

The minutes of the August meeting were unanimously approved.

Item 4 – Oral Communications:

None.

Item 5 – Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Postponements:

None.

Item 6 – Old Business

A. CAP Update

Commissioners discussed the CAP ordinance that was presented and approved at the August 28th Planning Commission meeting. They requested that staff alert them of when the ordinance will be presented to City Council.

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

Amy reported that the Police Dept. authorized the use of the elevator after hours in order for the Environmental Commission to hold its meetings in the upstairs City Council Conference Room 266. She mentioned her concern that staff would be liable for unauthorized persons who would also be able to access the second floor. The Commissioners acknowledged the concern and supported the meeting location be changed to the new location.

C. Long Beach Bike Facility Tour

Vincent will provide the date to the Commission.

D. Earth Day Festival 2013

The Commission requested staff to communicate with the Cherry Blossom committee on a joint bike ride. Commissioners will start targeting sponsors for the event.

E. Student Mixer 2012

Thomas announced that the date of the Student Mixer has been changed to Oct.16. The location and time remain the same.

F. Plastic Bag Ban

The Commission addressed Beverly Franco's Aug. 22, 2012 letter. Thomas expressed disappointment that the State's bill did not pass. The Commissioners were concerned about how a plastic bag ban will affect local businesses. Vincent mentioned that there have only been two residents who have voiced an interest in a plastic bag ban in Monterey Park. They will confer with City Council on the matter and bring the item back for discussion. Thomas asked staff to conduct research on neighboring cities that are considering a ban. He will draft up a response to Beverly Franco.

Item 7 – Announcements

The October 9 Environmental Commission meeting will be cancelled in order to accommodate the members of the General Plan Advisory Committee. The initial meeting of the GPAC will be held in its place, Oct. 9 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.