

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM 266, CITY HALL
May 13, 2014
MINUTES

Due to the 2nd Floor Administrative Office Area being locked, the meeting was called to order in the ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM at 6:10 p.m.

Item 1– Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Joan Merino, Doris Tsai, and Karl Wong
Also Present: Rey Alfonso, Assistant City Engineer

Item 2 – Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the March 11, 2014 were unanimously approved.

Item 4- Oral Communications:

Resident Gloria Wong, who works in the solar industry, inquired if the City of Monterey Park was doing anything similar to the City of Los Angeles' "2020 Initiative" to achieve 20% energy savings from its existing buildings by 2020. Apparently, Governor Brown is also proposing a 33% energy savings. Rey Alfonso responded that Monterey Park was one of just a few cities in the San Gabriel Valley to adopt a Climate Action Plan that seeks to reduce the city's green house gas emissions by 15% by 2020. Rey encouraged Ms. Wong to review the CAP on the city's website for more details, and to contact Amy Ho if she had any follow up questions.

Item 5 – Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Postponements:
None.

Item 6 – New Business

A. New Meeting Date and Time

No action was taken on this item. Commissioner Lam had arranged to call into the meeting around 6:30 PM, but a call was not received. (However, Commissioner Lam sent an e-mail to Rey Alfonso the next day indicating that she tried to call but the phone was not answered). Commissioners Merino and Wong were okay with the Tuesday night meetings, and Commissioner Tsai was open to other days.

Item 7 - Old Business

A. Recap on Earth Day

Commissioner Wong was pleased with the overall turnout for the festival and bike ride considering the short amount of time to prepare. Commissioner Merino was also pleased with the layout of the large tent for the vendors, and Bike SGV's handling of the bike ride.

B. Environmental Commission Workplan for 2014

Rey Alfonso encouraged the commissioners to consult with their council members and research any environmental issues they wish to discuss/agendize for upcoming meetings. Commissioner Tsai suggested a ban on plastic bags. Commissioner Wong wanted to revisit the next waste collection contract to include three separate bins for trash, recyclables and green waste.

Item 8 – Announcements

Commissioner Merino announced a Monterey Park Library Foundation fundraising dinner at Ocean Star Restaurant scheduled for June 6. Rey Alfonso reminded all the commissioners to submit their Reappointment Applications by June 1.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.