

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM 266, CITY HALL
July 8, 2014
MINUTES

Due to the 2nd Floor Administrative Office doors being locked, the meeting was held in the Engineering Conference Room. Future meetings will be held in the Engineering Conference Room.

Item 1 - Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Item 2 – Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Joan Merino, Doris Tsai, and Karl Wong.

Also Present: Joseph Leon, City Treasurer; Vincent Chang, City Clerk, Javier Hernandez, Bike SGV, Victor Acuna, resident/bike advocate; Gloria Wong, resident; and Amy Ho, Principal Management Analyst

Item 3 – Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the May13, 2014 were unanimously approved.

Item 4- Oral Communications:

None.

Item 5 – Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Postponements:

None.

Item 6 – New Business

A. Bike Subcommittee

Vincent Chang, Joseph Leon, and Javier Hernandez introduced themselves to the Commission and requested that the Commission convene a Bike Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Vincent and Joseph related Councilman Peter Chan's interest to set up this subcommittee to assist the Commission in facilitating bicycle programs for the City. The Commission agreed to the formation of the subcommittee and will work with Vincent, Joseph and Javier to identify and appoint members.

B. Climate Action Plan

Karl distributed excerpts of the City's adopted Climate Action Plan (CAP) and briefed the Commission on the measures and goals of the plan. In particular, Karl identified measures to improve bicycle access in order to increase bicycling as a form of transportation.

C. Plastic Bag Ban

Commissioners discussed adopting a plastic bag ban that is similar to the Los Angeles County initiative. Amy suggested that Commissioners confer with their respective Council members and bring the item back for further action at the next meeting.

D. Solid Waste Contract

Karl briefed the Commission on the status of the City's solid waste contract that will expire in 2017. He indicated an interest for the Commission to get involved in the new contract as it relates to how the community manages its waste and improve the diversion rate through other recycling programs. Amy indicated that the City will begin the Request for Proposal (RFP) process in FY 2015-2016.

Item 7 – Announcements
None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.