

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
August 12, 2014
MINUTES

- Item 1 - Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.
- Item 2 – Roll Call:
Present: Commissioners Joan Merino, Doris Tsai, and Karl Wong.
Also Present: Amy Ho, Principal Management Analyst
- Item 3 – Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of the July 8, 2014 were unanimously approved.
- Item 4- Oral Communications:
None.
- Item 5 – Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Postponements:
None.
- Item 6 – New Business
- A. Bike A Hoc Sub-Committee
- Amy updated the Commission on the status of the formation of the Sub-Committee. Javier Hernandez is tentatively scheduling the first meeting at the end of August. The Environmental Commission as well as the Traffic and Planning Commissions will be invited to attend. Doris has recruited one member, Robert Wong, and 2 individuals have expressed interest to Javier.
- Amy presented the draft bike plan for the Commissioner's review. The plan will be presented at the first Bike Sub-Committee meeting.
- B. Plastic Bag Ban
- Commissioners discussed their conversations with City Council on a proposed plastic bag ban. Doris indicated that 4 Council members were receptive. Both Karl and Joan indicated that their respective Council members who had appointed them would like more information. Karl presented an email of his Councilman's concerns.
- Amy indicated that a County representative had presented the results of the County's bag ban initiative to the previous Commissions and that she can invite the County representative again. The Commission agreed that an updated presentation would be helpful. Joan and Karl will present the proposal to the Chamber of Commerce to assess the business community's concerns. The Commission will consider an article

in the October Cascades to introduce the proposed plastic bag ban to the residential community.

Item 7 - Old Business

C. Statewide Drought

The Commission discussed the water situation at the City. Karl mentioned that an article in the July/August Cascades advised residents to not ignore their landscaping despite the drought situation. Amy suggested inviting Thomas Wong, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Board member representing Monterey Park, to the next Commission meeting to provide more detailed information.

Item 8 – Announcements

Amy presented 3 artwork concepts for the Spirit buses that will be retrofitted with new graphics. The Commission commented on the drawings and provided recommendations.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.