

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
September 9, 2014
MINUTES

- Item 1 - Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.
- Item 2 – Roll Call:
Present: Commissioners Joan Merino, Doris Tsai, and Karl Wong.
Also Present: Frank Chin and Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Shirley Hwong and Carol Sullivan, Community Participation Commission; and Amy Ho, Principal Management Analyst
- Item 3 – Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of the August 12, 2014 were unanimously approved.
- Item 4- Oral Communications:
None.
- Item 5 – Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Postponements:
None.
- Item 6 - Old Business
- A. Plastic Bag Ban
Frank Chin and Coby Skye from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works provided an informal presentation on the County's plastic bag ban and answered questions. The County representatives briefed the Commission on SB 270 that would be a statewide law similar to the County's bag ban. The bill has passed both legislative bodies and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- Karl prepared a comprehensive write-up on the importance of the plastic bag ban for the Commission's review. The article can be condensed for Cascades publication to educate the public on the upcoming statewide ban. The article can also be published in the Monterey Park Journal as the Commission's support for the plastic bag ban. Doris will assist with providing the editor's contact information.
- B. Bike Sub-Committee
Amy asked the Commission if they have any comments or concerns with the draft bike plan that was presented at the bike sub-committee meeting that was held on Mon., Sep. 8. The Commission was asked to provide their comments by Fri., Sep. 12.
- Item 7 – New Business

C. Business Commercial On-site Recycling

The Commission discussed the opportunities for San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corporation to assist businesses with collecting recyclable material. Karl mentioned that the Conservation Corp. is currently providing some service to businesses in Monterey Park. Amy briefed the Commission on the city's e-waste collection events and the problem with low turnout at the last event that was held in September 2013. She suggested that Karl inquire about e-waste collection when he contacts the Conservation Corp. about expanding their business recycling service.

C. Geranium Festival

Shirley Hwong and Carol Sullivan from the Community Participation Commission presented the Geranium Festival that will be held on Oct. 11. They are requesting the Commission's participation at the inaugural event. Suggestions include distributing geranium flower seeds to promote drought resistant plants. The Commission discussed their time availability to host a booth and the potential costs. They will look into purchasing seeds with the Commission trust fund.

Item 8 – Announcements
None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.