

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2016**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Board in the Engineering Conference Room, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam called the roll:

Commissioners Present: Shirley Hwong, Karl Wong, and Johanna Bonillo
Student Commissioner Present: Kailey Ogawa-Monroe

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Director of Public Works Tito Haes, Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, Monterey Park resident Tommy Farm, and Grassroots Lab
Principal Robb Korinke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Environmental Commission unanimously approved the minutes of September 13, 2016. Moved by Chair Wong and seconded by Commissioner Hwong, motion carried by Commissioner Bonillo.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

AGENDA CHANGES, DELETIONS, OR POSTPONEMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

8-A. WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

Chair Wong briefed the Commission on the status of the new trash services contract. A total of five companies were selected from the response to the Request for Applications

(RFA) on the September 21, 2016 council meeting. Interim Director of Public Works Tito Haes stated that staff is tentatively scheduled to request authorization to approve the contract at the January 18, 2017 Council Meeting.

8-B. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (SGVMWD) CONFERENCE

Chair Wong briefed the Commission on attending the 2016 San Gabriel Valley Water Forum – *Coming Together for a Sustainable Water Supply* – that was hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) on September 20, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

9-A. SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WASTEWATER FACILITY

Chair Wong briefed the Commission on the tour to Los Angeles County Water Reclamation Plant on October 15, 2016. Commissioner Bonillo stated if another tour to the facility can be organized in the spring of 2017 to also invite interested Mark Keppel High School students. Chair Wong stated that he will contact the facility and try to arrange another tour to be discussed at next commission meeting.

9-E. ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

Commissioner Bonillo made a motion to move item 9-E before item 9-B. Commissioner Bonillo stated that she is concerned on Styrofoam food containers being heavily used in the restaurants and inquired if the Commission can do anything about this. Interim Director of Public Works Tito Haes replied that staff will research on how neighboring cities deal with this issue and update the Commission in future commission meeting. Staff anticipates that a report should be ready in April or May 2017.

Grassroots Lab Principal Robb Korinke mentioned that his consulting firm can collaborate with DART, a food service packaging company, to provide the Commission with alternatives to Styrofoam products. Interim Director of Public Works Tito Haes recommended that Commission to discuss this item after staff compiles more information for the Commission's consideration. Chair Wong and Commissioners Bonillo and Hwong agreed to discuss this item at a future meeting.

9-B. EARTH DAY 2017

Chair Wong briefed the Commission on the events and vendors that were showcased at the City's Earth Day event in April 2016. Chair Wong stated that he will reach out to the 20 vendors that came to the event last year to see if they are interested in exhibiting their products on the upcoming City's Earth Day event, which to be held on April 15, 2017. Interim Director of Public Works Tito Haes stated that staff will assist in

researching list of exhibitors from last year and bring this item back to the next commission meeting for discussion.

9-C. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

Commissioner Bonillo suggested that the Commission to discuss adopting an official mission statement. Chair Wong provided the Commission with the City Ordinance creating an Environmental Commission in March 2005 (Ordinance No. 2029). Commissioner Bonillo stated that she will provide drafts with a more in-depth mission statement for the Commission to consider and formally adopt in the next commission meeting.

9-D. AIRPLANE NOISE

Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam briefed the Commission on the Airplane Noise community meeting that was held by the City on November 10, 2016. Commissioner Bonillo inquired when the next LAX/Community Noise Roundtable Meeting will be held and stated that the Commission would like to get involved in the City's airplane noise issue. Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam replied that she will forward future LAX/Community Noise Roundtable and City's Airplane Noise community meeting information to the commissioners when it becomes available. Interim Director of Public Works Tito Haes stated that staff will provide information on any future airplane noise roundtable/community meetings at the January commission meeting. Should a meeting be scheduled prior to the next regular meeting, the commissioners will be notified.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Wong announced that he invited the US Green Building Council BuildSMART to showcase their Building Sustainable Materials and Resources trailer at the City's upcoming Earth Day event.

Chair Wong announced that the LA County Public Works Department contacted him if they can exhibit their Smart Garden program at the City's Earth Day event. Chair Wong stated that he welcomed LA County Public Works Department to exhibit their educational Smart Garden program at the City's upcoming Earth Day event.

Commissioner Hwong announced that the City will be hosting the Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet on December 14, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to the next regular meeting on January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Engineering Conference Room.