

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2017**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Commission in the Engineering Conference Room, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Wong called the roll:

Commissioners Present: Shirley Hwong, Karl Wong, and Richard Mai

Student Commissioner Absent: Salvina Lim and Kailey Ogawa-Monroe

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Public Works Director Tito Haes, Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, and Ware Disposal Business Development Administrator Sissy Ye

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATION

None.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2-A. DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam briefed the Commission on the status of the City's Demonstration Garden project that will demonstrate landscaping that is attractive, environmentally-friendly, and conserves water. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June 2, 2017 and the Environmental Commissioners will be invited to the event. An email invitation will be sent out prior to the ceremony once the time of the event is confirmed.

2-B. MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF) TOUR

Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam briefed the Commission on Athens Services' response to the coordination of a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) tour originally scheduled for Saturdays either on May 6 or May 20. The Commissioners proposed new dates on any weekday during the third or fourth week of June to visit

the MRF. Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam to arrange the tour with Athens Services for one of these dates.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 11, 2017.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of April 11, 2017.

Motion: Moved by Chair Wong and seconded by Commissioner Mai, motion carried by Co-Chair Hwong.

3-B. DEBRIEF FOR EARTH DAY 2017

Chair Wong briefed the Commission on the Earth Day Festival and Bike Ride and stated that over 100 people participated in the morning bike ride and hundreds more come through the festival to visit the booths and learn more about sustainable and healthy living. Co-Chair Hwong and commissioners expressed their appreciation to all student volunteers who helped out at the festival, and special thanks go to Youth Advisor Kailey Ogawa-Monroe's mother for her assistance in the on-site coordination at the festival.

The Commissioners further discussed things to do in the preparation of next year's Earth Day events. Co-Chair Hwong suggested that the Commission purchases T-shirts made with recycled materials as giveaways next year. Principal Management Bonnie Tam will research and obtain quotes from vendors to be discussed at future commission regular meeting. Chair Wong suggested that the Commission and staff liaison coordinates with the City's Recreation Department when inviting elected officials to speak at the Cherry Blossom Festival and Earth Day Opening Ceremony next year. It was also suggested that the Bike Ride booth and starting point to be moved from the Bruggemeyer Library to Barnes Park in order to streamline the bike ride and festival coordination.

3-C. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SCHEDULED PRESENTATION AT THE LANGLEY CENTER

Co-Chair Hwong briefed the Commission details on an invitation by the Langley Center's Gardening Club to make a presentation on the Environmental Commission at their April regular meeting. Co-Chair Hwong stated that since the Commission did not have a regular meeting until May to discuss this item, the Commission was instead invited to speak at the Gardening Club's May regular meeting on May 22, 2017.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved for the Commissioners representing the Commission as a body at meetings and for the Commissioners to speak at the Gardening Club at their May regular meeting on May 22, 2017.

Motion: Moved by Co-Chair Hwong and seconded by Chair Wong, motion carried by Commissioner Mai.

3-D. ATHENS SERVICES COMPOSTING FACILITY TOUR

Chair Wong briefed the Commission on a tour he attended to visit the Athens Services' composting facility in Victorville on May 3, 2017. Commissioners mentioned that they would like to visit Ware Disposal's composting facility in the near future. Ware Disposal Business Development Administrator Sissy Ye stated that she can help coordinate. This item will be discussed at future commission regular meeting.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Co-Chair Hwong announced that the Monterey Park Library Foundation will host a fundraising event on June 1, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Luminarias restaurant, 3500 Ramona Blvd., Monterey Park.

Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam announced that the City's Public Works Department is celebrating the National Public Works Week at the City Corporate Yard on May 17, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend this Open House event.

Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam announced that Director Leticia Vasquez Wilson from the Central Basin Municipal Water District invites the public to a tour of Diamond Valley Lake on June 2, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Bonnie Tam
Staff Liaison to the Environmental Commission
City of Monterey Park

Approved on June 13, 2017 at the Environmental Commission regular meeting