MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 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, July 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:
Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:
Chair Wong called the roll:
Commissioners Present: Shirley Hwong, Jenelle Dhing, Karl Wong, and Richard Mai
Commissioners Absent: None
Student Commissioner Absent: Kailey Ogawa-Monroe

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, Monterey Park residents and Mark Keppel High School students Celeste Chan, Stanley Lin and Spencer Lin

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS
None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATION

1-A. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSIONER

City Clerk Vincent Chang administered the oath of office for newly-appointed Commissioner Jenelle Dhing, followed by a presentation of a Certificate of Appointment. A commission handbook was previously given to Commissioner Dhing at last Commission meeting.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2-A. PROMOTION OF MONTEREY PARK DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam provided the Commission the landscape architect information of the project under the direction of the Commissioners at its June Commission regular meeting. The landscape architect is Jaime Yamashita of Five Point Design from Santa Monica. The Commission continued to discuss the promotion of the demonstration garden. Commissioner Mai suggested that the Commission could reach out to the president of the Parent-

Teacher Association (PTA) at local schools to see if kindergartens and elementary schools are interested in working with the Commission to provide educational tours to K-8 students. The Commission would like to start with contacting four local elementary schools: Brightwood, Repetto, Monterey Highlands, and Ynez and directed Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam to send invitation letters to presidents of the PTA in August to invite them to attend the October Commission regular meeting to start the conversation.

2-B. MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF) TOUR

Athens Services offered the Environmental Commission a MRF tour on June 21. Chair Wong, Co-Chair Hwong, and Commissioner Mai attended the tour. Chair Wong briefed the Commission on the tour and showed some photos taken at the MRF in Sun Valley and answered questions from guests. Chair Wong requested to feature an article about this tour in the *Cascades* September Issue. Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam to coordinate the publication of the article in the *Cascades*.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 13, 2017.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of June 13, 2017.

Motion: Co-Chair Hwong moved to approve the June 13, 2017 minutes and Commissioner Mai seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners:	Hwong, Dhing, Wong, Mai
Noes:	Commissioners:	None
Absent:	Commissioners:	None
Abstain:	Commissioners:	None

3-B. APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH ADVISOR TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Approve Mark Keppel High School student Celeste Chan as the new youth advisor.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved Celeste Chan as the new youth advisor.

Motion: Chair Wong moved to approve Celeste Chan as the new youth advisor and Co-Chair Hwong seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners:	Hwong, Dhing, Wong, Mai
Noes:	Commissioners:	None
Absent:	Commissioners:	None
Abstain:	Commissioners:	None

3-C. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION INVOLVEMENT IN THE UPCOMING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Co-Chair Hwong briefed the Commission on the involvement in the upcoming National Night Out scheduled for August 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Monterey Park City Hall. Invited by Monterey Park Police Department, the Environmental Commission will be hosting a booth at the event and giving out educational materials pertaining to the City's environmental programs, bulky item pick-up, E-Waste and household hazardous waste collection, and used oil recycling, etc. Commissioner Mai will look into ordering giveaways and Commission banner for use at this event.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Co-Chair Hwong announced that the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and Chinese American Citizens Alliance will present an award-winning documentary short film, "Finding Cleveland", on Sunday, August 13 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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

Approved on August 8, 2017 at the Environmental Commission regular meeting