

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 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, August 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Wong called the roll:

Commissioners Present: Shirley Hwong, Jenelle Dhing, and Karl Wong

Commissioner Absent: Richard Mai

Youth Advisors Present: Kailey Ogawa-Monroe and Celeste Chan

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam and Monterey Park resident Simon Chan

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATION

1-A. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW YOUTH ADVISOR

City Clerk Vincent Chang administered the oath of office for newly-appointed Youth Advisor Celeste Chan, followed by a presentation of a Certificate of Appointment. A commission handbook was given to Youth Advisor Chan.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2-A. PROMOTION OF MONTEREY PARK DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

The Commission continued to discuss the promotion of the demonstration garden. Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam provided the Commission with 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. Chair Wong mentioned that he left several voice messages to Ms. Yamashita but has not heard from her. Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam to obtain alternate contact information and will forward it to the Commission at next regular meeting. At last

regular meeting, 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. Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam suggested that a letter can also be sent to the school principals, and the Commission unanimously agreed. The Commission would like to start with contacting four local elementary schools as part of the pilot program: Brightwood, Repetto, Monterey Highlands, and Ynez and directed Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam to send invitation letters to the PTA presidents and school principals 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 continued to discuss waste management and showed some photos taken at a Los Angeles landfill site and answered questions from Commissioners. At last regular meeting, Chair Wong requested to feature an article about the recent Athens Services MRF tour in the *Cascades* September Issue. Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam confirmed that the article was submitted to be featured in the *Cascades* September Issue.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Motion: Chair Wong moved to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes and Co-Chair Hwong seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

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

3-B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Chair Wong briefed the Commission their participation in the National Night out event on August 1, 2017. The Commission ordered 200 reusable shopping totes

as giveaways and all of them were given out at the event. The Commission also took the opportunity to display and distribute various public educational flyers pertaining to bulky item pickups, grease traps usage, and E-waste and Used Oil recycling opportunities/events. Information such as Spirit bus schedules, residential trash collection brochures, and Demonstration Garden maps were also distributed as part of the educational outreach effort at the event.

3-C. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION PRE-PLANNING FOR ECOSUMMIT

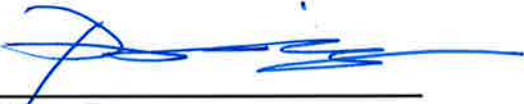
Chair Wong briefed the Commission on the involvement in the Ecosummit event that was proposed by Mark Keppel High School Student Stanley Lin. The proposed concept of the Ecosummit is to be held at the Barnes Park with four to six organizations that focus on the issues of air quality, water agriculture, and animal protection, etc. Due to lack of information from Stanley Lin, this item will be continued to next regular commission meeting.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Co-Chair Hwong announced that the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library had hosted a "Flower and Fruit Show" on Sunday, August 6 at 3 p.m. in the Friends Room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



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

Approved on September 12, 2017 at the Environmental Commission regular meeting