

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 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, September 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Sam Cheung, and Richard Mai

Commissioners Absent: None

Youth Advisors Present: Kailey Ogawa-Monroe and Celeste Chan

Youth Advisors Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam and Mark Keppel High School Students 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 Sam Cheung, followed by a presentation of a Certificate of Appointment. A commission handbook was given to Commissioner Cheung.

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

back from her. Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam forwarded Chair Wong the email address of Ms. Yamashita, but no response was received; Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam will reach out to Ms. Yamashita for the bio-infiltration system information that Chair Wong needed for a presentation at the October regular Commission meeting. Mark Keppel High School Student Spenser Lin made a short presentation on how Aquaponics system works.

Chair Wong briefed the Commission that principals from both Monterey Highlands and Repetto Elementary Schools confirmed their attendance to the October regular Commission meeting for a presentation on the Demonstration Garden project. Commissioner Cheung suggested that we include Hillcrest Elementary School in our pilot program and invite the principal and PTA president to our October meeting as the school is located within one mile to the Demonstration Garden.

2-B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION PRE-PLANNING FOR ECOSUMMIT

This item was continued from last regular Commission meeting due to lack of information from 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. Mark Keppel High School Student Stanley Lin stated that he is interested in hosting an Ecosummit event at the Barnes Park in November to invite UCLA, USC, ELAC, and Mark Keppel High School engineering students; however, this event will be hosted in conjunction with Earth Day in April 2018.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 8, 2017.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of August 8, 2017.

Motion: Co-Chair Hwong moved to approve the August 8, 2017 minutes and Commissioner Mai seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

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

3-B. TRAFFIC COMMISSION'S INVITATION TO THEIR OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING FOR METRO'S BIKE SHARE PROGRAM PRESENTATION

The Monterey Park Traffic Commission invited the Environmental Commission for a joint meeting at the October Traffic Commission regular meeting scheduled for October 19, 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber for a Bikeshare program presentation presented by Metro staff. Chair Wong, Co-Chair Hwong, and Commissioner Mai stated that they will attend.

3-C. WASTE HAULING SERVICE UPDATE

Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam briefed the Commission on the new solid waste collection and recycling services contract effective September 1, 2017. Athens Services is in the process of the implementation of a citywide residential barrel exchange program beginning September 11 through September 29.

3-D. FIELD TRIP / TOUR OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Chair Wong briefed the Commission on a potential tour to the LA County Sanitation District Water Treatment Plant. The Commission proposed three dates for the tour on November 3, 7, and 9. Chair Wong will report back to the Commission at next regular Commission meeting for a confirmed date.

3-E. POTENTIAL DONATIONS FOR EARTH DAY 2018

Commissioner Mai briefed the Commission on a potential donation from California Water Company General Superintendent Jim Crawford for Earth Day 2018. Commissioner Mai will invite Mr. Crawford to the November regular Commission meeting for more information on the donations. This item will be continued to next regular Commission meeting.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Cheung discussed about "Adopt A Tree" Program and installing a Medication Disposal Bin at Barnes Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



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