

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2018**

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, October 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Principal Management Analyst Tam called the roll:

Commissioners Present: Karl Wong, Shirley Hwong, and Sam Cheung

Commissioners Absent: Stephen Fong

Youth Advisors Present: Athena Flores and Spencer Lin

Youth Advisors Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, Food Forward Director of Programs Richard Weinroth, Food Forward Program Coordinator Dory Bennett, Mark Keppel High School Student Amy Vthenpong, and Monterey Park Residents Tammy Sam and Stanley Lin.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATION

1-A. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW YOUTH ADVISORS

City Clerk Vincent Chang administered the oath of office for newly-appointed Youth Advisors Athena Flores and Spencer Lin, followed by a presentation of a Certificate of Appointment. The commission handbook will be given to the youth advisors at next Commission regular meeting.

1-B. GUEST SPEAKER FROM FOOD FORWARD ON FOOD DONATION AND RECOVERY

Guest Speakers Director of Programs Richard Weinroth and Program Coordinator Dory Bennett from Food Forward made a presentation on food donation and recovery. Based in North Hollywood, Food Forward focuses on grocery produce recovery and backyard harvest. Volunteers can sign up on their website at www.foodforward.org to get involved in volunteering.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2-A. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER FORUM

Chair Wong and Monterey Park Resident Jacqueline Ramirez attended the San Gabriel Valley Water Forum, tickets sponsored by San Gabriel Valley Water Management District (SGVWMD). Chair Wong briefed the Commission that there were guest speakers from various agencies with approximately 250 attendees. Topics included drought issues and options of practices dealing with the drought.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 11, 2018.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of September 11, 2018.

Motion: Commissioner Cheung moved to approve the September 11, 2018 minutes and Co-Chair Hwong seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners:	Cheung, Hwong, Wong
Noes:	Commissioners:	None
Absent:	Commissioners:	Fong
Abstain:	Commissioners:	None

3-B. PLANNING OF EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2019

The Commission discussed the planning of Earth Day Festival 2019. Confirmed by Recreation and Community Services Department, the Earth Day Festival will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019. There will be bike ride in the morning same as last year. Chair Wong will reach out to BikeSGV on bike ride coordination. The Commission would like to have the EcoSummit next year and requested a 5' x 10' riser to be provided by Recreation and Community Services Department for guest speakers to make presentations. The event flyer will be distributed by January 2019. The Commission requested Principal Management Analyst Tam to draft a sponsorship letter to be discussed and reviewed at next Commission regular meeting. This agenda item will be continued at next Commission regular meeting.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Co-Chair Hwong announced that Councilmember Peter Chan's Mayoral Installation Ceremony will be held in the City Council Chamber on October 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Principal Management Analyst Tam announced that the next LA County Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup event will be hosted at the East Los Angeles College in the Stadium Parking Lot on November 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flyers are available at City Hall Public Works counter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35p.m.



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

Approved on November 13, 2018 at the Environmental Commission regular meeting

