

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2019**

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 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Staff Ho called the roll:

Commissioners Present: Karl Wong, Shirley Hwong, Stephen Fong, Sam Cheung, and Kathy Ko

Commissioners Absent: None

Youth Advisors Present: Spencer Lin

Youth Advisors Absent: Athena Flores

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Amy Ho; PlanetSave President Stanley Lin; and Monterey Park residents Celeste Chan and Jennifer L. Tang.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2-A. PUENTE HILLS MRF & WATER TREATMENT PLANT FIELD TRIP

Chair Wong provided information on the Puente Hills MRF and Water Treatment Plant field trip to be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019. The Commissioners voiced interest in attending and signed up for the trip.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 9, 2019.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of July 9, 2019 with the correction provided by Commissioner Ko for item 1-A *Guest Speaker From API Forward Movement*: “Between 2017 and 2018, APIFM has proposed to installed 50 Purple Air Sensors throughout the San Gabriel Valley.” (Chair Wong later confirmed that APIFM has already installed 50 Purple Air Sensors in 2017 and 2018 by referencing APIFM’s PowerPoint presentation; no changes were made to the meeting minutes.)

Motion: Commissioner Ko moved to approve the July 9, 2019 minutes with the correction and Co-Chair Hwong seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners:	Hwong, Wong, Fong, Cheung, and Ko
Noes:	Commissioners:	None
Abstain:	Commissioners:	None

3-B. DEBRIEF ON MONTEREY PARK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTICIPATION

The Commission participated in the National Night Out event and distributed reusable grocery bags at their booth. Attendees were asked to provide their name and contact information in order to receive the giveaway. Co-Chair Hwong said that the weather was uncomfortably warm and that a canopy/tent was necessary. Should the event holder continue with the first come first serve policy for future events, the Commission needs to arrive early to be able to select a booth that is shaded. Commissioner Ko mentioned that a few residents had questions regarding their trash service, specifically why they are not provided a recycling bin. The Commission discussed creating a video to educate the community on the City’s trash program. The video would be available on the City’s cable channel. The Commission will develop a community assessment tool to determine what the environmental needs of the community are.

3-C. API AIR QUALITY WORKSHOP

Chair Wong and Co-Chair Hwong attended the API Air Quality workshop and registered to participate in the Clean Air SGV program. They received the Purple Air Sensors that will be installed at their homes. Other Commissioners voiced their interest to attend upcoming workshops and to also register for the program.

3-D. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SUPPORT FOR PLANETSAVE VANUATU PROJECT

Stanley Lin, President of PlanetSave, provided the Commission a presentation of their experiences in their 2-week research trip to Vanuatu in late July/early August 2019. The team is putting together a documentary film on the island’s sustainable development and how climate change will impact the community. PlanetSave is requesting that the Commission sponsor their project. The Commission responded

that they can help promote the documentary upon its completion. The Commission would invite interested parties to a showing at the Library where monetary donations would be requested to support PlanetSave's efforts.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Resident Jennifer L. Tang introduced herself to the Commission. She will be running for City Council at the March 2020 election.

Co-Chair Hwong announced that the Library Foundation will be hosting a Masquerade Gala on Saturday, September 13, 2019, at the Almansor Court in Alhambra. Tickets are \$65 per person.

Chair Wong reported that the Chamber will be proceeding with their EV event on September 22, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

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

for



Amy Ho
Staff Liaison to the Environmental Commission
City of Monterey Park