

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 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, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Staff Tam called the roll:

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Youth Advisors Present: Athena Flores and Spencer Lin

Youth Advisors Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Management Analyst Alexander Fung.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

The Commission moved Items 2-A and 3-C to be heard before Item 1-A.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

1. PRESENTATION

**1-A. GUEST SPEAKER ALEXANDER FUNG FROM SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – ENERGY WISE PARTNERSHIP**

Guest Speaker Alexander Fung from San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) spoke about the Energy Wise Partnership between SGVCOG, Southern California Edison, and SoCalGas. Guest Speaker Fung also spoke about the Residential Energy Efficiency Program, community events that SGVCOG participates, and other collaborative opportunities.

2. OLD BUSINESS

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

This item was heard before Item 1-A.

Chair Wong provided information on the Puente Hills MRF and Water Treatment Plant field trip to be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019. Youth Advisor Lin provided updates to the Commission that he had spoken with the Career Center at Mark Keppel High School on promoting this field trip to its students, clubs, and CSF, but was advised to have the Commission submit a request of approval for review. Chair Wong suggested that Youth Advisor Lin to check with its Science Club.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 13, 2019.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of August 13, 2019 with the additional sentence provided by Commissioner Ko for Item 3-B *Debrief on Monterey Park National Night Out Participation*: “The Commission will develop a community assessment tool to determine what the environmental needs of the community are.”

Motion: Co-Chair Hwong moved to approve the August 13, 2019 minutes with the addition and Commissioner Ko seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

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

3-B. CLEAN AIR SGV WORKING GROUP INVITATION FROM API FORWARD MOVEMENT

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 were already installed at their homes. Chair Wong shared his experience in participating in the “stakeholder meeting group” workshops. There is a series of 4-5 stakeholder meetings until December.

3-C. PLANETSAVE VANUATU PROJECT UPATE

This item was heard before Item 1-A.

On behalf of PlanetSave, Youth Advisor Lin provided the Commission with a status update to the Vanuatu documentary. The team is currently procuring a sound engineer and sound narrator and assembling a marketing team from USC Marshall School of Business. The project is editing and the script is complete. Expected

release date is November 2019. The Commission stated that they can help promote the documentary upon its completion. The Commission would invite interested parties to a showing at the Library and promoting at Earth Day Festival.

3-D. WASTE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

This discussion is in response to a few citizen concerns on the City's trash and recycling services received on National Night Out. The Commission discussed creative ways to provide residents and business information regarding the City's trash and recycling programs, including asking trash haulers to post their flyers on the City's cable TV channel, posting public outreach and educational materials on Spirit buses, and installing trash compressors on city streets and posting city flyers on the four sides of the compressors.

Principal Management Analyst Tam responded to the Commission that the City has taken necessary measures to provide residents and businesses with information on the City's trash and recycling programs, for instance, by posting information on the City's website, cable TV channel, at city hall lobby, and in the local newsletter *Cascades*. Code Enforcement volunteers and Public Works staff also distribute "how to handle bulky items and E-waste" door hangers in the neighborhood to increase public awareness of the trash and recycling programs that the City currently offers.

3-E. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Chair Wong briefed the Commission that in pursuant to Ordinance No. 2029 Section 2.96.030 Meetings and Proceedings, the Environmental Commission is allowed to hold bi-monthly regular meetings. Chair Wong, Co-Chair Hwong, and Commissioners Cheung and Ko mentioned that the Commission should continue to meet monthly given many events and presentations that the Commission needs to plan year-round. In addition, the Commission discussed and moved to approve a new meeting time and attendance requirement for future regular meetings effective in October.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved to change the regular meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on second Tuesday of the month with an effort to adjourn each meeting by 8:30 p.m. unless under special circumstances to continue the meeting beyond 8:30 p.m. and marking absence when Commissioners arrive at the meeting 20 minutes after the roll-call. These changes will go into effect in October.

Motion: Co-Chair Hwong moved to approve the new regular meeting time and attendance requirement effective in October and Commissioner Ko seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Co-Chair Hwong announced that the Library Foundation will be hosting a Masquerade Gala on Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Almansor Court in Alhambra. Reception starts at 6:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. Congresswoman Judy Chu will be in attendance. This year's honorees are community leaders Ed Chen and Larry Sullivan. Tickets were sold out.

Co-Chair Hwong announced that the Sister Cities Commission will be hosting a fundraiser on Friday, October 18 at Capitol Seafood Restaurant in Monterey Park. Reception starts at 6:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. Congresswoman Judy Chu will be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m.



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