

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 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, November 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:35p.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, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Management Analyst Alexander Fung, Resident Valentina Salinas, and Resident Renee Dutreaux.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

1. PRESENTATION

1-A. GUEST SPEAKER FROM SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND WORKS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY RELATED TO MONTEREY PARK

Guest Speaker Alexander Fung from San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) spoke about the overview of Environmental and Sustainability Efforts conducted by SGVCOG. Guest Speaker Fung spoke about various SGVCOG programs, its internal structure, and committees in addition to its Residential Energy Efficiency Program, community events that SGVCOG participates, and other collaborative opportunities.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2-A. PLANETSAVE VANUATU PROJECT UPATE

On behalf of PlanetSave, Youth Advisor Lin provided the Commission with a status update to the Vanuatu documentary. The team is currently assembling all the clips and polishing for production. Expected release date is pushed back to late December or Early January. The Commission stated that they can help promote the documentary upon its completion. Chair Wong stated that he can ask Bruggemeyer Library to help promote it so that interested parties can view the documentary. Youth Advisor Lin stated that PlanetSave expects 20-30 guests and view time is approximately 18 minutes followed by an information session. He further stated that they will share the documentary with film festival.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 10, 2019.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of September 10, 2019.

Motion: Commissioner Cheung moved to approve the September 10, 2019 minutes 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. SGV CLEAN AIR STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Chair Wong continued to share his experience in participating in the "stakeholder meeting group" workshops. There are a series of 4-5 stakeholder meetings until December. Chair Wong will continue to provide updates at next meeting.

3-C. DEBRIEF ON FIELD TRIP AT WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL

Chair Wong briefed the Commission on the Water Reclamation Plant and Puente Hills Landfill and MRF field trip that was held on Saturday, October 5, 2019. The field trip was joined by residents of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Whittier, county unincorporated areas, and as far as Anaheim. The tour was organized by the Sanitation Districts and aimed to educate the public on the water sanitation and

water conservation issues, as well as waste disposal, recycling, and waste prevention.

3-D. EARTH DAY 2019 VIDEOS AND EARTH DAY 2020

Chair Wong showed the Commission a few video clips of Earth Day 2019. The Commission would like to forward an edited version to the City for posting on the City's YouTube channel. This item will be continued at next meeting.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Wong announced that he will attend the next Democratic Club meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to give a presentation about the Environmental Commission with the group.

Commission Cheung announced that a movie called "A Wishing Tree" is showing at LA Laemmle Asian World Film Festival – Culver Arclight from November 8 through November 14, 2019.

Co-Chair Hwong announced that the Sister Cities Commission hosted ceremonial dinner on Friday, October 18 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Capital Seafood Restaurant in Monterey Park. Co-Chair Hwong was the "Master of Ceremony" at the dinner.

Principal Management Analyst Tam distributed flyers for the next LA County Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup event that will be hosted at the East Los Angeles College in the Stadium Parking Lot on November 16, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Commission voted to have the next regular meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m.



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