

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2020**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Teleconference Meeting of the Commission, Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:40 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, Alice Chan, and Kathy Ko

Commissioners Absent: None

Youth Advisors Present: None

Youth Advisors Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam and API Policy Coordinator Jeshow Yang

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

1. PRESENTATION

None.

2. OLD BUSINESS

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 10, 2020.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of March 10, 2020.

Motion: Commissioner Ko moved to approve the March 10, 2020 minutes and Co-Chair Hwong seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Hwong, Wong, and Ko

Noes: Commissioners: None

Abstain: Commissioners: Chan

3-B. APPOINTMENT OF NEW YOUTH ADVISOR ANDY HUANG

Approve Mark Keppel High School Student Andy Huang as new Youth Advisor to the Commission.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved Andy Huang as the new Youth Advisor to the Commission.

Motion: Moved by Co-Chair Hwong and seconded by Commissioner Ko, motion carried by Chair Wong.

3-C. MONTEREY PARK FUTURE EARTH DAY EVENT

The commission brainstormed events for Earth Day 2021. Principal Management Analyst Tam stated that due to the uncertainty surrounding current COVID-19 pandemic, the City is not sure if a large scale of Earth Day Festival event will be organized next year in April 2021.

Principal Management Analyst Tam continued to report that the City's Recreation Manager Robert Aguirre would discuss this with Recreation Director to see if Recreation Department, Cherry Blossom Committee, or Recreation Commission can collaborate with the Environmental Commission to come up with some events celebrating Earth Day next year. This item is continued to future regular meeting.

3-D. MONTEREY PARK CLIMATE ACTION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Commissioner Ko briefed the Commission that the Monterey Park Climate Action Plan ("the Plan") was discussed at recent City's Strategic Planning meeting in July. Commissioner Ko mentioned that the Environmental Commission was tasked by Councilmember Lo with Mayor Chan's support to review the Plan, evaluate if the City had implemented any measures that were set forth in the Plan, and come up with recommendations on next steps for the City Council.

The Plan was published in 2012 and is currently posted on the City's website under Planning Division at: <http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/242/Climate-Action-Plan>

The Commission directed Principal Management Analyst Tam to report back to the Commission with additional information and updates at next regular meeting. This item is continued to next regular meeting.

3-E API CLEAN AIR SGV UPDATE

Chair Wong discussed about purple sensors and that they were installed at some of the Commissioners' home for air quality detection as part of the Clean Air SGV program. The Commission also discussed about renewable energy. API Policy Coordinator Yang mentioned how some cities such as Alhambra, Pasadena, South Pasadena, and West Hollywood, just to name a few, have collaborated with an organization called Clean Power Lines that connects municipalities in using renewable energy to save some energy costs.

The Commission requested a presentation from Clean Power Lines with additional information at next regular meeting.

3-F MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONEMNTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

The commission discussed future agenda items. Commissioner Ko suggested that the Commission looking into topics such as Presentation by Clean Power Lines, Climate Action Plan Review, and Tree Planting.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Principal Management Analyst Tam displayed flyers for two monthly LA County Free Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection events that will be hosted at Simms Park in Bellflower and at Roosevelt Park Senior Center in Los Angeles on November 7, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



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