

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. The regular meeting was conducted pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order No. N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020. Accordingly, Commissioners/Board Members were provided a meeting login number and conference call number and were not physically present at the City Hall Engineering Conference Room.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with Executive Order No. N-29-20 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation was allowed in the following ways:

Via Email

Public comments were accepted up to 24 hours before the meeting via email to btam@montereypark.ca.gov and, when feasible, read into the record during public comment. Written communications are limited to not more than 50 words.

Via Telephone

Public comment may be submitted via telephone during the meeting, before the close of public comment, by calling (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 and entering Zoom Meeting ID: 930 1292 1363 then press pound (#). When prompted to enter participation ID number press pound (#) again. If participants would like to make a public comment they will enter “*9” then the host from Department of Public Works will be notified and you will be in the rotation to make a public comment. Participants are encouraged to join the meeting 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. You may speak up to 5 minutes on Agenda item. Speakers will not be allowed to combine time. The Chair and Commissioner/Board Members may change the amount of time allowed for speakers. As part of the virtual meeting protocols, anonymous persons will not be allowed to provide public comment.

Important Disclaimer – When a participant calls in to join the meeting, their name and/or phone number will be visible to all participants. Note that all public meetings will be recorded.

CALL TO ORDER:

Principal Management Analyst Tam called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Karl Wong, Shirley Hwong, Alice Chan, Kathy Ko, and Andy Huang

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent services to enhance the quality of life for our entire community

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, City Clerk Vincent Chang, and Clean Power Alliance Community Outreach Manager Christian Cruz

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATION

1-A. OATH OF OFFICE FOR COMMISSIONER ALICE CHAN AND YOUTH ADVISOR ANDY HUANG

City Clerk Chang administered the oath of office for newly appointed Commissioner Alice Chan and Youth Advisor Andy Huang. City Clerk Chang stated that a Certificate of Appointment will be given after it is sign and that will be arranged by the City Clerk's Office after the virtual meeting. Principal Management Analyst Tam will send the commission handbook to Commissioner Chan and Youth Advisor Huang via email immediately after the virtual meeting.

1-B. GUEST SPEAKER AND PRESENTATION BY CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE

Clean Power Alliance Community Outreach Manager Christian Cruz presented Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) that was launched in February 2018. CCA is a model that allows communities to join to purchase electricity on behalf of their community members. To date, approximately 1 million customer accounts in one JPA with 32 member jurisdictions in LA and Ventura counties. Residents and businesses are automatically enrolled in a default rate chosen by their city but can change their rate or opt out at any time.

2. OLD BUSINESS

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 13, 2020.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of October 13, 2020.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Ko and seconded by Commissioner Chan motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Commissioner: Karl Wong, Shirley Hwong, Alice Chan, Kathy Ko
Noes:	Commissioner: None
Absent:	Commissioner: None
Abstain:	Commissioner: None

3-B. MONTEREY PARK CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Chair Wong briefly summarized topics covered in the Climate Action Plan (CAP) that was published by the City in 2010. The CAP is to set forth a comprehensive strategy to address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions related to land use, transportation, building design, energy use, water demand, and waste generation. The CAP focuses GHG-reducing efforts to areas that will have the greatest environmental benefit, have the least financial cost (or even savings), and preserve the character of the community.

The Commission asked whether the City had adopted some of the measures discussed in the CAP. Principal Management Analyst Tam responded that since 2010, the City had put in effort in reducing GHG emissions from replacing all existing Spirit Bus fleet to CNG buses, installing a CNG station at the City Yard, installing a fast EV charger at City Hall, to currently installing solar panels at the Bruggemeyer Library, Langley Center and City Hall.

Chair Wong and Commissioner Ko asked if the City will have consultants compile another study, and they suggested that Commissioners divide and read up the CAP and provide feedback to city staff and City Council at future meetings.

3-C. MONTEREY PARK EARTH DAY ALTERNATIVE PLAN

The Commission discussed some alternative plans for 2021 Earth Day. Principal Management Analyst Tam suggested virtual Earth Day celebration with residents. Youth Advisor stated that he can coordinate with Mark Kappel High School students to come up with some ideas. The Commission unanimously approved, and this item is continued at next meeting.

3-D. EXPERIENCE AND IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Commissioners discussed the impacts and their experience of COVID-19 environmental health issues. Commissioner Chan encouraged residents to get flu shot. Commissioner Ko spoke about trash generated by disposable masks in the community. Chair Wong commented on the promotion of the use of reusable masks.

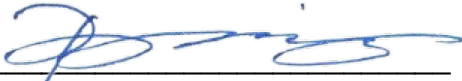
4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMISSIONER AND AGENCY MATTERS

Principal Management Analyst Tam displayed flyer for Monterey Park Community Clean-up Day event that will be hosted at Sierra Vista Park on November 21, 2020 from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Principal Management Analyst Tam displayed flyer for LA County Free Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection event that will be hosted at Liberty Community Plaza in Whittier on December 5, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.



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

Approved on January 12, 2021 at the regular meeting