

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2021**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 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](tel:(888)788-0099) or [\(877\) 853-5247](tel:(877)853-5247) and entering Zoom Meeting ID: [896 7002 8026](tel:89670028026) 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:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

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

ROLL CALL:

Principal Management Analyst Tam called the roll:

Board Members Present: Karl Wong, Kathy Ko, Alice Chan

Board Members Absent: Danielle Sprague

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, Director of Public Works/ City Engineer Frank Lopez, Planning Manager Jason Moquin, Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement Policy Coordinator Jeshow Yang, and California Department of Housing and Community Development Policy Analyst Edwin (Eddie) Sun.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

1. PRESENTATION

None.

2. CITY OF MONTEREY PARK – CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 13, 2021.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of July 13, 2021.

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

Ayes:	Commissioner: Karl Wong, Kathy Ko, Alice Chan
Noes:	Commissioner: None
Absent:	Commissioner: Danielle Sprague
Abstain:	Commissioner: None

3. OLD BUSINESS

3-A. UPDATES ON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND DISCUSSION ON GRANT WRITING

The Commission continued to discuss the Climate Action Plan and grant writing. Director of Public Works / City Engineer Lopez was present and provided the Commission with status update on the Climate Action Plan. Director of Public Works / City Engineer Lopez mentioned that the Climate Action Plan is now under the oversight of the City Manager's Office. The City Manager's Office is in the process of getting a cost estimate for hiring a consultant. Next steps will include seeking the City Council's approval and requesting budget appropriation for hiring a consultant.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. MONTEREY PARK HOUSING ELEMENT

Planning Manager Moquin was present and provided status updates on Monterey Park Housing Element. A public virtual meeting on Housing Element was conducted on August 5, 2021. More information can be viewed at mpkhousingupdate.com.

4-B. SR-710 METRO GRANT

Director of Public Works / City Engineer Lopez provided status update on SR-710 Metro Grant. There were four SR-710 Mobility Improvement projects being approved by the City Council in December 2020 and March 2021. The SR-710 Mobility Improvement Projects are the result of reallocated Measure R Funds for the SR-710 North Project to new mobility improvement projects within the San Gabriel Valley subregion. These projects are consistent with the purpose and need of the Gap Closure Project to relieve congestion on local streets along the SR-710 alignment between Interstates 10 and 210, with the highest priority for projects proximate to the Interstate 10 freeway.

4-C. CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

Chair Wong followed up on the California drought presentation that was made by San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) President Thomas Wong at last month's regular meeting. Chair Wong discussed how the Commission can help advertise SGVMWD's water conservation educational materials. The Commission also discussed the possibility of partnering up with local elementary schools.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

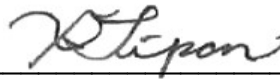
The Commission suggested that it discusses the following items at future regular meeting:

- Updates to Climate Action Plan
- Drought Issues
- Pandemic Issues
- Ban on Single-use Plastics

In addition, Commissioner Ko invited the Commission to participate in a webinar on the topic of Reducing Vehicle Miles Travelled in California Through Enhanced Land Use and Transportation Policies hosted by the UC Institute of Transportation Studies (UC ITS) on August 18, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

 FOR

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

Approved on February 8, 2022 at the regular meeting