

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 25, 2023**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Commission in the Monterey Park City Hall Council Chambers located at 320 W. Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Kathy Ko called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chairperson Ko led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present: Laura Gallegos, Kathy Ko, Danielle Sprague, Thuy Hua

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director Shawn Igoe, Administrative Manager Xochitl Tipan, Olivia Williams, CivicSpark Fellow, Jessica Serrano, Community Development Director

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- City Notifications – Administrative Manager Xochitl Tipan provided an overview of the City's "Notify Me" notification system for meeting agendas. Staff was encouraged to sign-up and to also register for other notification systems such as Nixle, City Newsletter, and Cascades.

[1.] PRESENTATIONS – NONE

[2.] CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Taken: Approved minutes from the regular meeting of June 28, 2023

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Gallegos and seconded by Commissioner Sprague

Ayes: Commissioner: Laura Gallegos, Kathy Ko, Danielle Sprague, Thuy Hua

Noes: Commissioner: None

Absent: Commissioner: None

Abstain: Commissioner: None

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

[3.] OLD BUSINESS

3-A. BATTERY RECYCLING

Administrative Manager Xochitl Tipan shared available resources to residents for battery recycling including the Los Angeles County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program. Mrs. Tipan also shared that the City recently applied for a CalRecycle HHW grant to collect HHW, including batteries, at City community clean-up events. The application is currently under review and the City anticipates notification of award by December 2023. The City is also working on a Solid Waste and Recycling Request For Proposal (RFP). Battery recycling collection is being considered for the new contract.

[4.] NEW BUSINESS

4-A SUSTAINABILITY PLAN - UPDATE

Civic Spark Fellow Olivia Williams provided an update on the City's sustainability plan including upcoming Community Workshops scheduled for November 6, 2023 (virtual) and November 16, 2023 (Robert Hill Lane Elementary School Library). Mrs. Williams covered the Sustainability plan's relationship to other City plans and projects including the 2012 Climate Action Plan and Environmental Justice Element. An overview was provided for each of the Pathways to Sustainability and Strategies being considered as part of the plan. Ms. Williams shared the updated project timeline and took questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hua had questions about the implementation strategy and updates to the City Council about staff's progress in implementing the plan. Staff advised that there would be annual progress updates provided to City Council. Commissioner Sprague had questions about the length of plan implementation. Staff advised that the sustainability plan includes some short-term goals and long-term goals. The long-term goals could be from 5-10 years. Commissioner Ko had questions about the Harvest Fruit Program and whether that would be included in the plan. She also requested staff share the Planning Commission's roster.

4-B. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR YOUTH ADVISOR TO COMMISSION

The Commission reviewed and considered the applications from Faria Rashid Upama and Rookaya Abdelhamid to serve as a youth advisors to the Commission.

Action Taken: The Commission appointed Faria Rashid Upama as a youth advisor. The Commission did not recommend appointing Rookaya Abdelhamid at this time.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Gallegos and seconded by Commissioner Hua
Ayes: Commissioner: Laura Gallegos, Kathy Ko, Danielle Sprague, Thuy Hua
Noes: Commissioner: None
Absent: Commissioner: None

Abstain: Commissioner: None

[5.] FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Earth Day 2024 Plan**
- **Clean Power Alliance Presentation**



Xochitl Tipan
Administrative Manager

Approved on 1/24/24 at the regular meeting.