

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF MONTEREY PARK AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Monterey Park City Hall – Council Chambers
320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Wednesday
April 24, 2024
6:30 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair

FLAG SALUTE

Commission Chair

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Danielle Sprague, Laura Gallegos, Thuy Hua

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

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ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS - None

[1.] PRESENTATIONS - None

[2.] CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of January 24, 2024
- (2) Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of March 27, 2024; and
- (3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable

[3.] OLD BUSINESS - None

[4.] NEW BUSINESS -

4-A. MONTEREY PARK EARTH DAY 2024

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Discuss Monterey Park Earth Day 2024; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

[5.] FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
January 24, 2024**

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, January 24, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Kathy Ko called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chairperson Ko led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present: Laura Gallegos, Kathy Ko, Thuy Hua, Youth Commissioner Faria Upama

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director Shawn Igoe, Administrative Manager Xochitl Tipan; San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD): External Affairs Specialist Albert Lu, Director Mike Eng; Clean Power Alliance (CPA): Karen Schmidt, Dalia Gomez

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- **Sustainability Plan Update** – Administrative Manager Xochitl Tipan shared that the Sustainability Plan would be open for public review starting from February 8th through February 29th. The City has two scheduled workshops February 12th and 22nd and a planned Joint Planning and Environmental Commission Meeting for February. Staff anticipates the plan to be presented to City Council for adoption in March.

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[1.] PRESENTATIONS

- **Introduction of Director Mike Eng, SGVMWD Board Member**

External Affairs Specialist Albert Lu provided the Commission an overview of District's partnership with the City including rebate programs available to Monterey Park residents, supplemental water provided to the City, \$4M zero interest loan granted to the City for the Delta Treatment Facility and most recently grant funds awarded to the City for the Lifeline Payment assistance Program. He introduced Director Michael Eng. Director Eng shared the history of the Environmental Commission and different water issues impacting the San Gabriel region and specifically Monterey Park.

- **Clean Power Alliance**

CPA Rates and Strategy Director Karen Schmidt provided the Commission an overview of the Clean Power alliance including the purpose of their program, rate options, and process for cities to join.

[2.] CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Taken: Approved minutes from the regular meeting of October 25, 2023 and the Planning and Environmental Special Joint Meeting of September 27, 2023.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hua and seconded by Commissioner Gallegos

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

Noes: Commissioner: None

Absent: Commissioner Sprague

Abstain: Commissioner: None

[3.] OLD BUSINESS - None

[4.] NEW BUSINESS

4-A THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FOLLOWING OT THE NEWLY APPOINTED YOUTH COMMISSIONER; COMMISSION HANDBOOK, SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY, AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO THE NEWLY APPOINTED YOUT COMMISSIONER BY THE CITY CLERK, AND OATH OF OFFICE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CODE 2.82.010

City Clerk Maychelle Yee administered the oath of office to Youth Commissioner Faria Upama

4-B. APPOINT CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Action Taken: The Commission appointed Commissioner Laura Gallegos as Chairperson and Commissioner Thuy Hua as Vice Chairperson

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Thuy and seconded by Commissioner Ko

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

Noes: Commissioner: None

Absent: Commissioner: Commissioner Sprague

Abstain: Commissioner: None

4-C. MONTEREY PARK EARTH DAY 2024

Administrative Manager Tipan provided an overview of plans for Earth Day celebration 2024. Earth Day will be celebrated along with the Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday, April 27th at Barnes Park, from 11 am to 2 pm. The City would invite sustainability partners to participate under the Earth Day tent to share resources and information to the community. The Commission wants to explore additional ideas for the event such as crop swaps, clothes recycling, or walkathon. Director Igoe suggested a tree planting event on the day of the event or partnership with the Library to hold a hands-on activity. He also shared special considerations for some of the proposed activities due to liability, insurance requirements, etc. Commissioners were encouraged to email ideas to staff to research and evaluate requirements to implement different types of activities.

[5.] FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Earth Day 2024 Plan**

Xochitl Tipan
Administrative Manager

Approved on _____ at the regular meeting.

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2024**

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, March 27, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Laura Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chairperson Gallegos led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Laura Gallegos, Thuy Hua, Danielle Sprague

Commissioners Absent: Kathy Ko

Youth Commissioners Absent: Faria Upama

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director Shawn Igoe and Oliva Williams Civicspark Fellow

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – None

[1.] PRESENTATIONS - None

[2.] CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Taken: Carry over due to lack of quorum for Commissioners in attendance.

Motion: Carry over

[3.] OLD BUSINESS - None

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[4.] NEW BUSINESS

4-A MONTEREY PARK EARTH DAY 2024

Director Igoe provided an update on the Earth Day celebration 2024 including what vendors have confirmed their attendance. It was also suggested that Camino Real Chevrolet be contacted to provide an electric vehicle for the event. Director Igoe will follow up with the dealership. Olivia provided a suggestion on an upcycling table to encourage reuse of items. She also discussed the tree planting event. Chairperson Gallegos offered to help with the seed swapping table and suggested Active SGV attend in addition to a walk. Commissioner Hua added to the EV conversation and suggested charging education and adding stations along the walk to highlight environmental items.

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

The Commission reviewed and considered the application for Harrison Tang to serve as a youth advisor to the Commission

Action Taken: The Commission appointed Harrison Tang as a youth advisor.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Sprague and seconded by Commissioner Hua

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

Noes: Commissioner: None

Absent: Commissioner: Commissioner Ko

Abstain: Commissioner: None

[5.] FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Earth Day 2024 Update**
- **School Gardening Grant**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Xochitl Tipan
Administrative Manager

Approved on _____ at the regular meeting.