

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF MONTEREY PARK AGENDA

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

Monday
November 25, 2024
6:30 pm

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CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair

FLAG SALUTE

Commission Chair

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Kathy Ko, Danielle Sprague, Laura Gallegos, Thuy Hua, Faria Upama, Harrison Tang

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

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ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

[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 September 25, 2024;
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

[3.] OLD BUSINESS

3-A. MONTEREY PARK EARTH DAY 2025

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Discuss Monterey Park Earth Day 2025;
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

[4.] NEW BUSINESS

4-A. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Discuss grant opportunities for sustainable programs or projects;
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

[5.] FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Environmental Commission Staff Report

DATE: November 25, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2-A

TO: Environmental Commission
FROM: Xochitl Tipan, Administrative Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

1. Approve minutes from the regular meeting of October 25, 2023 and the Planning and Environmental Special Joint Meeting of September 27, 2023; and
2. Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

None.

BACKGROUND:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "X Tipan", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Xochitl Tipan
Administrative Manager

ATTACHMENT:

1. Meeting Minutes

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 25, 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, September 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Kathy Ko called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Ko led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Kathy Ko, Thuy Hua, Danielle Sprague, Laura Gallegos, Faria Upama, Harrison Tang

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Thuy excused herself at 6:58 after item 1A.

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director Shawn Igoe, Administrative Manager Xochitl Tipan, Public Works Maintenance Manager Chris Reyes

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS –

Clean Air Day – Administrative Manager shared that City Council approved free fares for Spirit Bus for the week of September 30th through October 4th in celebration of Clean Air day.

[1.] PRESENTATIONS

Master Tree Plan –

Public Works Maintenance Manager, Chris Reyes, provided an overview of tree inventory and the long-term plan to maintain and support the City's urban forestry. The plan was developed with the help of West Coast Arborist, the City's contractor for tree maintenance. The plan outlines the City's goals and vision for maintenance efforts and efforts to reach City USA status. The plan will be presented to City Council for adoption at the next council meeting. Commissioners had questions and comments regarding planting of native trees and future tree planting ceremonies. It was suggested that more tree planting events be planned, and that greater outreach be made to increase community participation

[2.] CONSENT CALENDAR – None

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2-A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Taken: Approved minutes from the regular meeting of August 28, 2024

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Sprague and seconded by Commissioner Tang

Ayes: Commissioner Laura Gallegos, Kathy Ko, Harrison Tang, Faria Upama

Noes: Commissioner: None

Absent: Commissioner Hua

Abstain: Commissioner: None

[3.] OLD BUSINESS

3-A. MONTEREY PARK EARTH DAY 2025

Commissioner Ko shared that she reached out to Active SGV for potential partnership for Earth Day 2025 and is waiting a response. Commission Gallegos also reached out. There were questions regarding doing a walk or bike ride as part of the event. Director Igoe discussed the need for a plan, traffic control and potential liability associated with such event. Additionally, the Commission would need to contact sponsors to help fund the event. Commissioner Gallegos proposed a 3k walk instead of a bike ride. Other suggestions included incorporating a “theme” to the event; participation of the Environmental club from local Monterey park schools, and an upcycle contest. Commissioners were going to reach out to Active SGV and previous exhibitors and follow up at the next meeting.

[4.] NEW BUSINESS - None

[5.] FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Earth Day 2025**
- **Grant Opportunities**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Xochitl Tipan
Administrative Manager

Approved on November 21, 2024 at the regular meeting.