

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2022**

The Planning Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular meeting of the Board in the Council Chambers, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sam called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:30pm.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chairperson Sam called for the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

Planning Manager Jessica Serrano called the roll:

Board Members Present: Tammy Sam, Ricky Choi, Jack Chiang, Peter Fung

Board Members Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Sizemore, Interim Director of Community Development, Jessica Serrano, Planning Manager, Joaquin Vazquez, Deputy City Attorney

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS: None

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

[1.] PRESENTATIONS:

[2.] CITY OF MONTEREY PARK - CONSENT CALENDAR: None

[3.] PUBLIC HEARING: None

[4.] OLD BUSINESS: None

[5.] NEW BUSINESS:

5-A DISCUSSION OF PLANNING COMMISSION TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Interim Director Sizemore gave presentation on potential Planning Commission training opportunities. Asked for the Commission's feedback on whether they want to invest money into the budget for these training opportunities. Commissioner Choi, Fung, Chiang voiced their support. Interim Director Sizemore said that they will work on a budget and will have something presented in the future.

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- Chairperson Sam asked for guidelines for the chairperson and the vice-chairperson. Director Sizemore said that there may be a cheat sheet that could be used. Attorney Vazquez further clarified that some of the procedures are codified.

5-B GOING GREEN DRAFT WORK PROGRAM

- Planning Manager Serrano gave a presentation on the Going Green Draft Work Program. This program creates a roadmap for the Going Green Campaign. The Going Green Campaign addresses climate change, mitigation and adaptation within the community. The initiative will go through 5 different phases. Planning Manager Serrano proceeded to explain the initiatives one-by-one. Staff will have a CivicSpark Fellow aid the team. This fellow will spearhead the initiatives. Planning Manager Serrano asked for the Commission's feedback on the program.

- Commissioner Fung expressed his enthusiasm for this program. Planning Manager Serrano further explained that this program is not just a city hall effort, but a community-wide effort as well.

- Commissioner Chiang agreed with Commissioner Fung that this is a really robust process. Proposed a landscaping or tree ordinance if the city does not already have one. Also stated that the building code in terms of going green would need to be beefed up.

- Chairperson Sam proposed to post notifications on the Facebook group Monterey Park Life as many people utilize that. She explained how the public often complain when they do not know that updates are taking place. Also suggested that some kind of ordinance creating a community garden would be desirable. Cited Rosemead's community garden as a great example of engaging the community and providing beauty. Proposed to bring back the Spirit bus to provide other modes of transportation. Promoting more outlets to travel aside from automobiles.

- Commissioner Chiang proposed to utilize the newspaper and media for the outreach as well. He himself does not really use social media. Gives an account that his family buys the Chinese newspaper for obtaining news. Also talked about utilizing the fruit trees to the benefit of the community. Talked about how palm trees do not provide proper shading and are not native.

- Commissioner Fung brainstormed and discussed potential ways/incentives to get the community involved in sustainability and beautification of the community.

- Commissioner Chiang said that there should be more deliberate enforcement to go around the community to correct certain problems. Planning Manager Serrano clarified that the Code Compliance division is reactive rather than being proactive.

- Chairperson Sam talked about how implementing some sort of language to include impervious paving to reduce runoff would be beneficial for sustainability. Commissioner Fung proposed capturing rainwater with certain roofing tactics.

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[6.] COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS AND MATTERS: None

[7.] FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for consideration, the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned honoring Commissioner Choi's mother, Monique Choi.



Steven Sizemore
Interim Director of Community Development

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