

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF MONTEREY PARK
AGENDA**

REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 12, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

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.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20

These meetings will be conducted pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order No. N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020.

Accordingly, Commissioners/Board Members will be provided with a meeting login number and conference call number; they will not be physically present at City Hall Engineering Conference Room.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Karl Wong

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Karl Wong

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Karl Wong, Shirley Hwong, Kathy Ko, Alice Chan

Youth Advisor: Andy Huang

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Related to Items NOT on the Agenda). While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Commission to take action on any item not on the agenda. The Commission may briefly respond to comments after Public Communications is closed. Persons may, in addition to any other matter within the Commission's subject-matter jurisdiction, comment on Agenda Items at this time. If you provide public comment on a specific Agenda item at this time, however, you cannot later provide comments at the time the Agenda Item is considered.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

[1.] **PRESENTATIONS** - None.

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

[3.] **OLD BUSINESS**

3-A. MONTEREY PARK CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REVIEW

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Review Monterey Park Climate Action Plan; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

3-B. MONTEREY PARK EARTH DAY 2021 PLAN

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Discuss Monterey Park Earth Day 2021 Plan; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

[4.] **NEW BUSINESS**

4-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 10, 2020; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

4-B. CITY UPDATES ON CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Discuss City updates on Clean Power Alliance; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

[5.] **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

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Environmental Commission Staff Report

DATE: January 12, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO: 4-A

TO: Environmental Commission
FROM: Bonnie Tam, Principal Management Analyst
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

1. Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 10, 2020; 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Bonnie Tam", is written over a horizontal line.

Bonnie Tam
Principal Management Analyst

ATTACHMENT:

1. Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENT 1
Meeting Minutes

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 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

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CALL TO ORDER:

Principal Management Analyst Tam called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Karl Wong, Shirley Hwong, Alice Chan, Kathy Ko, and Andy Huang

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

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, City Clerk Vincent Chang, and Clean Power Alliance Community Outreach Manager Christian Cruz

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATION

1-A. OATH OF OFFICE FOR COMMISSIONER ALICE CHAN AND YOUTH ADVISOR ANDY HUANG

City Clerk Chang administered the oath of office for newly appointed Commissioner Alice Chan and Youth Advisor Andy Huang. City Clerk Chang stated that a Certificate of Appointment will be given after it is sign and that will be arranged by the City Clerk's Office after the virtual meeting. Principal Management Analyst Tam will send the commission handbook to Commissioner Chan and Youth Advisor Huang via email immediately after the virtual meeting.

1-B. GUEST SPEAKER AND PRESENTATION BY CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE

Clean Power Alliance Community Outreach Manager Christian Cruz presented Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) that was launched in February 2018. CCA is a model that allows communities to join to purchase electricity on behalf of their community members. To date, approximately 1 million customer accounts in one JPA with 32 member jurisdictions in LA and Ventura counties. Residents and businesses are automatically enrolled in a default rate chosen by their city but can change their rate or opt out at any time.

2. OLD BUSINESS

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 13, 2020.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of October 13, 2020.

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

Ayes: Commissioner: Karl Wong, Shirley Hwong, Alice Chan, Kathy Ko
Noes: Commissioner: None
Absent: Commissioner: None
Abstain: Commissioner: None

3-B. MONTEREY PARK CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Chair Wong briefly summarized topics covered in the Climate Action Plan (CAP) that was published by the City in 2010. The CAP is to set forth a comprehensive strategy to address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions related to land use, transportation, building design, energy use, water demand, and waste generation. The CAP focuses GHG-reducing efforts to areas that will have the greatest environmental benefit, have the least financial cost (or even savings), and preserve the character of the community.

The Commission asked whether the City had adopted some of the measures discussed in the CAP. Principal Management Analyst Tam responded that since 2010, the City had put in effort in reducing GHG emissions from replacing all existing Spirit Bus fleet to CNG buses, installing a CNG station at the City Yard, installing a fast EV charger at City Hall, to currently installing solar panels at the Bruggemeyer Library, Langley Center and City Hall.

Chair Wong and Commissioner Ko asked if the City will have consultants compile another study, and they suggested that Commissioners divide and read up the CAP and provide feedback to city staff and City Council at future meetings.

3-C. MONTEREY PARK EARTH DAY ALTERNATIVE PLAN

The Commission discussed some alternative plans for 2021 Earth Day. Principal Management Analyst Tam suggested virtual Earth Day celebration with residents. Youth Advisor stated that he can coordinate with Mark Kappel High School students to come up with some ideas. The Commission unanimously approved, and this item is continued at next meeting.

3-D. EXPERIENCE AND IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Commissioners discussed the impacts and their experience of COVID-19 environmental health issues. Commissioner Chan encouraged residents to get flu shot. Commissioner Ko spoke about trash generated by disposable masks in the community. Chair Wong commented on the promotion of the use of reusable masks.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMISSIONER AND AGENCY MATTERS

Principal Management Analyst Tam displayed flyer for Monterey Park Community Clean-up Day event that will be hosted at Sierra Vista Park on November 21, 2020 from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Principal Management Analyst Tam displayed flyer for LA County Free Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection event that will be hosted at Liberty Community Plaza in Whittier on December 5, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

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

Approved on January 12, 2021 at the regular meeting