

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF MONTEREY PARK
AGENDA**

REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY
MAY 11, 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

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Karl Wong

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Karl Wong

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Karl Wong, Kathy Ko, Alice Chan, Danielle Sprague

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** – None.

[4.] **NEW BUSINESS**

4-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 13, 2021; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

4-B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS 2021

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Discuss Environmental Commission Agenda Topics 2021; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

4-C. FUTURE EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

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

4-D. ATHENS SERVICES MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF) TOUR

It is recommended that the Environmental Commission:

- (1) Discuss Athens Services Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Tour; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

[5.] **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

ADJOURN



Environmental Commission Staff Report

DATE: May 11, 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 April 13, 2021; 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", 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
APRIL 13, 2021**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 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 Ho called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Karl Wong, Kathy Ko, Alice Chan, Danielle Sprague, and Andy Huang

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Amy Ho, Chair of the Monterey Park Economic Development Advisory Commission Alexander Fung, Asian Pacific Islander

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Forward Movement Policy Coordinator Jeshow Yang, Monterey Park resident Jennifer Fan, and guest Nathan Tam.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Alexander Fung speaking as Chair of the City’s Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDAC) offered to collaborate with the Environmental Commission on SB 1383 – methane emissions reduction. The law will have a significant impact on how the City manages its food waste. Chair Fung is also the Management Analyst for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG).
- Jennifer Fan, a Monterey Park resident, voiced concern about the increase in plastic waste generated by takeout and delivery of prepared food due to the pandemic. She recommended that the city consider an ordinance that requires restaurants to only provide plastic utensils for takeout orders when requested.

1. PRESENTATION

None.

2. CITY OF MONTEREY PARK – CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3-A. MONTEREY PARK EARTH DAY

Chair Wong described the changes to the Earth Day event due to the pandemic. The event will be a partnership with the Bruggemeyer Library and the Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement (APIFM) for a virtual event on April 19 at 3:00 PM.

3-B CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REVIEW

Chair Wong informed the Commission that he received an update from the City’s Planning Manager Jason Moquin and the Public Works Director Frank Lopez on the status of the review of the City’s Climate Action Plan. Updated Land-use and Housing Elements of the General Plan have to be completed before the City is eligible to apply for grants. The Land-Use component has been completed and approved, and the Housing element is expected to be finished in 16 months – it was started last year. Chair Wong recommended that the Commission continue to request updates from the Public Works Director and Planning Manager.

Commissioners Ko and Chan expressed their concern that the City is not taking advantage of the numerous grants. They requested that the City hire a grant writer.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 9, 2021.

Chair Wong noted two corrections to the minutes:

- pg. 2, section 2 – Monterey Park is misspelled (i.e, MONTEREYO PARK)
- pg. 3, section 3-B – Time of event is 3:00 P.M., not 2:00 P.M.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes, with the corrections, from the regular meeting of March 9, 2021.

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

Ayes: Commissioner: Karl Wong, Kathy Ko, Alice Chan, Danielle Sprague
Noes: Commissioner: None
Absent: Commissioner: None
Abstain: Commissioner: None

4-B. MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OVERVIEW

Chair Wong summarized the accomplishments of the Environmental Commission since he came onboard. The projects he listed include the Master Bike Plan, City Bus Re-Route, CNG Fueling Station, solar project, EV charging station and tours of water, solid waste and sewage facilities. He is most proud of the Commission's annual Earth Day and Bike Ride event. He recommended that the Commission continue to get involved in the Climate Action Plan and to undertake pressing issues such as the upcoming drought, energy and transportation programs that can address Greenhouse Gases and how the City can move forward in the post pandemic era.

5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMISSIONER AND AGENCY MATTERS

The Commission thanked Chair Wong for his services and invited him back as a guest at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Amy Ho
Principal Management Analyst
Substitute Staff Liaison to the Environmental Commission
City of Monterey Park