

**MINUTES  
MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 11, 2021**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, May 11, 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**

In accordance with Executive Order No. N-29-20 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation was allowed in the following ways:

Via Email

Public comments were accepted up to 24 hours before the meeting via email to [btam@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:btam@montereypark.ca.gov) and, when feasible, read into the record during public comment. Written communications are limited to not more than 50 words.

Via Telephone

Public comment may be submitted via telephone during the meeting, before the close of public comment, by calling (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 and entering Zoom Meeting ID: 957 9213 0485 then press pound (#). When prompted to enter participation ID number press pound (#) again. If participants would like to make a public comment they will enter “\*9” then the host from Department of Public Works will be notified and you will be in the rotation to make a public comment. Participants are encouraged to join the meeting 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. You may speak up to 5 minutes on Agenda item. Speakers will not be allowed to combine time. The Chair and Commissioner/Board Members may change the amount of time allowed for speakers. As part of the virtual meeting protocols, anonymous persons will not be allowed to provide public comment.

**Important Disclaimer** – When a participant calls in to join the meeting, their name and/or phone number will be visible to all participants. Note that all public meetings will be recorded.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Principal Management Analyst Tam called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam and Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho.

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

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.**

**ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.**

**1. PRESENTATION**

None.

**2. CITY OF MONTEREY PARK – CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4-A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES**

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 13, 2021.

**Action Taken:** The Environmental Commission approved the minutes, with the corrections, from the regular meeting of April 13, 2021.

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

Ayes: Commissioner: Danielle Sprague, Karl Wong, Kathy Ko, Alice Chan

Noes: Commissioner: None

Absent: Commissioner: None

Abstain: Commissioner: None

**4-B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS 2021**

Chair Wong discussed the following possible future commission agenda topics:

- Drought in California
- Post-COVID issues
- Use of Plastic Utensils from Restaurant Take-outs
- Climate Action Plan Updates
- Energy and Transportation
- SB1383 Methane Reduction
- Earth Day Festival
- Recycling of Used Shipping Boxes

**4-C. FUTURE EARTH DAY FESTIVAL**

Chair Wong summarized the accomplishments of the annual Earth Day Festival and Bike Ride that was organized by the Commission. The Commission discussed how future Earth Day Festival will be like.

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

Athens Services Governmental Affairs Director Ed Chen, along with Mayor Yvonne Yiu, extended an invitation to the Environmental Commission for a tour at Athens Services' Sun Valley MRF scheduled for May 13, 2021 at 10:30am. Commissioner Sprague will attend. Commissioner Chan stated that she will send Commissioner Sprague a list of questions that she has regarding MRF since she will not be able to attend the tour.

#### **5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Wong announced that the Environmental Commission Youth Advisor seats are open for application.

Principal Management Analyst Tam announced and displayed flyer for Monterey Park Community Clean-up event that will be hosted at Highlands Park on June 5, 2021 from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Principal Management Analyst Tam announced that there is a summer fellowship opportunity with California Volunteers from the Office of the Governor. The application deadline has just been extended. Fellows will serve from June through August, implementing climate action projects around the state. For more information, please visit [www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/climateactioncorps/](http://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/climateactioncorps/)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.



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

*Approved on June 8, 2021 at the regular meeting*