

**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

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 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: 984 6814 8828 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 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

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

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.



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