

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2021**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, July 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](tel:8887880099) or [\(877\) 853-5247](tel:8778535247) and entering Zoom Meeting ID: [949 6606 3126](tel:94966063126) 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:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

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

ROLL CALL:

Principal Management Analyst Tam called the roll:

Board Members Present: Danielle Sprague, Karl Wong, Kathy Ko, Alice Chan

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District President Thomas Wong, Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement Policy Coordinator Jeshow Yang, and California Department of Housing and Community Development Policy Analyst Edwin Sun.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

1. PRESENTATION

1-A. DISCUSSION OF DROUGHT ISSUE IN CALIFORNIA

San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) President Thomas Wong discussed the importance of water conservation as California is entering into another drought this year. The public is encouraged to use less water on landscape in summertime, shorten shower time, and purchase water efficient appliances. SGVMWD President Wong also mentioned some of the water conservation programs that the City of Monterey Park has implemented, including the installation of smart AMR water meters and the “No Turf” Rebate Program.

2. CITY OF MONTEREY PARK – CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3-A. PLANNING BIKE RIDES FOR EARTH DAY 2022

The Commission continued to discuss the planning of bike rides for Earth Day 2022. Commissioner Ko mentioned that the installation of more bike racks and bike lanes will make people feel protected to bike in Monterey Park. The Commission also discussed the possibility of making Earth Day Bike Rides a one-year event; however, the Commission has cautioned that with the Delta variant, the Commission is not able to plan ahead at this time.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 8, 2021.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of June 8, 2021.

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

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

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission suggested that it discusses the following items at next regular meeting:

- Updates to Climate Action Plan
- SR-710 Metro Grant
- California Drought

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.



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

Approved on August 10, 2021 at the regular meeting