

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2012 AT
7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS COMMUNITY MEETING CHAMBERS,
ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD,
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Bray, Eyre, Keller, Reed, Hedden, Ardehali, Yuan

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Introduction of new Commissioner
Welcome and introduction of Lei Yuan
2. Nomination and election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair
Action: Nominate and elect Joe Eyre as Environmental Commission Chair and Gary Hedden as Environmental Commission Vice Chair.
3. Commission Minutes
Action: After correction of spelling of Weiden and upon a motion by Vice Chair Hedden, seconded by Commissioner Reed, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of the February 11, 2013.
4. Los Altos Climate Action Plan
 - a. Discussion and recommendations were given to staff on GHG reduction measures to be included in the Climate Action Plan
 - b. Discussion and recommendations were given for Climate Action Plan staff report to Council

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Ardehali, the Commission voted unanimously to recommendation that the City Council:

1. Incorporate additional reduction measure in the Tier 2 list into Tier 1 and,
2. Consider 18% reduction target consistent with incorporating the list into Tier 1.

Vice Chair Hedden, after the motion was approved, suggested that the staff report comment that these measures are good for the community but are limited by staff time and costs.

Public comments were received from Los Altos resident Mike Barnes to commend the Commission and to set reduction goal beyond 15%. Public comments were received from Mountain View resident Bruce Karnery regarding his experiences on a Mountain View Task Force and the CAP City of Mountain View measures.

5. City of Los Altos FY 2013/14 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
Received report on draft CIP projects
6. Mission Trails Waste Systems (MTWS)
Received report from Teresa Montgomery and Louie Pellegrini from MTWS
 - a. Annual metrics for diversion and recycling report
 - b. Update on MTWS efforts for recycling and composting of materials, plastic bag and expanded polystyrene substitutes
 - c. Review of MTWS educational and outreach efforts to residents and commercial establishments
7. Environmental Public Information Forums
Discussion of this item will be on the March agenda.
8. Disposal and Management of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) and Single-Use Bags
Received staff report on status of single-use bag ordinance and discussion of EPS ban
9. Environmental Commission Website
 - a. 111 website hits from Feb. to March activity and cumulative 251 hits for year
 - b. Decision to wait on Chemical Free data sheet
10. Environmental Commission work plan progress review
Reviewed and discussed progress on FY 2012/13 Work Plan
11. Environmental Commission Report to Council at Joint Meeting
Presented report on FY 2012/13 Achievements

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

12. Increasing Watershed Awareness and Stewardship in Los Altos
No update on watershed signage on roads crossing creeks
13. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
Received update on charging station installations
14. Monthly Staff Report
Received information and announcements from City Staff

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eyre adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.