

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019 BEGINNING
AT 7:00 P.M. AT COMMUNITY MEETING CHAMBERS, LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, 1
NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Weiden, Vice Chair Yuan, Commissioners Bray, Teksler, and Martin

ABSENT: Commissioner Klein and Halkola

STAFF: Staff Liaison Niday

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jane Packard announced upcoming events put on by the Los Altos History Museum as well as announced that the Orchard Commons Commission is working on an orchards manual which will include pest management strategies.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Environmental Commission Minutes**

Approved minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2019

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Teksler, seconded by Commissioner Bray, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the September 9, 2019 regular meeting as written.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Weiden, Yuan, Bray, Teksler, and Martin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Klein and Halkola

ABSTAIN: None

2. **Herbicide Use in Los Altos City Parks**

Reviewed and discussed current use of herbicides in City parks

Public Comment: Bruno D., Tanya Lindermeier, Stuart Eckmann, and Scott S. spoke about the harmful effects of glyphosate and synthetic herbicides and pesticides.

Action: The Environmental Commission voted unanimously to recommend eliminating the use of synthetic herbicides and pesticides in City Parks and request Council and staff guidance on further Commission work on this topic.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Weiden, Yuan, Bray, Teksler, and Martin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Klein and Halkola

ABSTAIN: None

3. Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Discussed proposed electrification Reach Codes for 2019 Energy Code

Public Comment: Dashiell Leeds (Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter) and Lexi Crilley (LAHS Green Team, Climate Justice Coalition, and Silicon Valley Climate Youth) announced their support to adopt an all-electric reach code.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Teksler, seconded by Commissioner Yuan, the Environmental Commission recommends that Los Altos adopt the all-electric and electrically heated mixed fuel building pathways for both residential and commercial buildings as well as adopt the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Reach Codes.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Weiden, Yuan, Bray, Teksler, and Martin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Klein and Halkola

ABSTAIN: None

4. Environmental Commission Work Plan

Discussed Solid Waste Disposal Contract Subcommittee and reviewed consideration of statement to City Council

Public Comment: None

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Teksler, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Environmental Commission recommends presenting the statement to City Council and City Staff on the Mission Trails Waste System contract extension.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Weiden, Yuan, Bray, Teksler, and Martin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Klein and Halkola

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. City Staff Updates

Received information and announcements from City staff

COMMISSION REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weiden adjourned the meeting at 9:13 P.M.