

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT COMMUNITY MEETING CHAMBERS, LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

ABSENT: Commissioners Halkola, Klein and Martin

STAFF: Staff Liaison Ancheta

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Environmental Commission Minutes

Approved minutes of regular meeting of February 10, 2020

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Teksler, seconded by Commissioner Bray, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2020.

The motion was approved (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Weiden, Bray, Teksler and Yuan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Martin, Halkola and Klein

ABSTAIN: None

2. Environmental Commission Work Plan

- a) Reviewed and discussed update on Reach Code Ordinance and cancellation of the previously scheduled Community Workshop due to COVID-19 concerns
- b) Received update from Linda Ziff on Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban progress and potential methods of education and enforcement
- c) Received Commissioner updates on other work plan items

Public Comment:

- Los Altos residents, Kirk Paige and Roberta Phillips, expressed their concerns and opposition with (item 2a.) the all-electric Reach Code Ordinance.
- Los Altos resident, Teresa Morris expressed support of the adoption of Reach Codes; however, she recommends the Commission to conduct more public education on reducing energy usage and look into opportunities for incentives to install photovoltaics.

- Los Altos resident, Teresa Morris spoke in support of item 2b. and would like to see leaf blowers banned completely. She supports rewarding gardeners that are following the law and feels educating the public is beneficial.

Action: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. 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 8:08 P.M.