

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Weiden, Vice Chair Teksler, Commissioners Delagneau, Humayun, Klein and Looijen

ABSENT: Commissioner Yuan

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introduced newly appointed Commissioner Looijen

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Gary Hedden (Los Altos resident) spoke about the delays by City Council to consider the Reach Code Ordinance and recommended the Environmental Commission use this delay as an opportunity to conduct additional outreach.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Environmental Commission Minutes
Approved minutes of regular meeting of June 8, 2020

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Teksler, seconded by Commissioner Delagneau, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2020.

The motion was approved (6-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Weiden, Teksler, Klein, Humayun, Delagneau and Looijen

NOES: None

ABSENT: Yuan

ABSTAIN: None

2. Herbicide Use in Los Altos City Parks
Received presentation on Integrated Pest Management Policy update from Manny Hernandez, Municipal Services Director

Public Comment: None

Action: The Commission received an oral presentation from Manny Hernandez, Los Altos Municipal Services Director, on the updated IPM policy, banning the use of synthetic herbicides and pesticides in Los Altos City parks. The Commission recommended expanding #4 under B. Policy to include areas that are not zoned as parks but are public access areas such as walkways and paths. Manny agreed to revise and expand the definition of "Parks" in the policy and revise the details of B. #4. The City will continue to evaluate and investigate

organic methods for pest control. After the policy updates are complete, implementation will proceed once approved administratively by the City Manager.

3. Environmental Commission Work Plan

- a. Received update on the Reach Code Ordinance item postponement by Council from Vice Chair Teksler.
- b. A Subcommittee was established for limiting single-use plastics ordinance, Chair Weiden, Vice Chair Teksler and Commissioner Delagneau will serve on the subcommittee.

Public Comment:

Deepa Dhar (Los Altos resident) inquired about the Reach Codes and wanted more information about the adoption process and details of the ordinance.

Gary Hedden (Los Altos resident) recommended the Commission continue outreach efforts to address public concerns and misconceptions about the Reach Codes.

Action: The Environmental Commission agreed to give the Reach Code Subcommittee the authority to develop and conduct further community outreach for the Reach Codes. The Reach Code Subcommittee will work with staff to identify outreach opportunities and implement and conduct additional education and outreach as appropriate.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Updates on Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCEA)
Received update on Member Agency Working Group
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 8:49 P.M.