

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Weiden, Vice Chair Teksler, Commissioners Delagneau, Lu and Yuan

ABSENT: Commissioner Humayun and Klein

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Gary Hedden (GreenTown President and History Museum President) provided comments on:

- GreenTown Internship Program
- EV charging requirements and need for additional chargers in the City
- Tree planting in the City and the need to increase the tree canopy
- Storm Drain projects and repaving Best Practices
- GreenTown and History Museum panel discussion “Los Altos Goes Green”, registration available on the GreenTown website

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Teksler moved to reorder the agenda moving Agenda Item #2 Chair and Vice Chair Election after Item #8. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Delagneau and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Environmental Commission Minutes

Approved minutes of regular meeting of May 10, 2021

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Teksler, seconded by Commissioner Yuan, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2021.

The motion was approved (4-0-1) by the following vote:

AYES: Lu, Teksler, Weiden and Yuan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Humayun and Klein

ABSTAIN: Delagneau

3. California Water Service (Cal Water)

Received informational presentation from Cal Water:

- 2020 Conservation Report- Los Altos District

- 5 million gallons saved by conservation programs utilized in 2020
 - 2020 Lifetime savings = 77 million gallons
 - 750 million gallons Lifetime cumulative savings
 - Residential Water-Efficiency Programs:
 - Rebates www.calwater.com/rebate
 - High-efficiency toilets
 - High-efficiency clothes washers
 - Smart irrigation controllers
 - High-efficiency sprinkler nozzles
 - Conservation Kits (Free) www.calwater.com/kit
 - Smart Landscape Tune-up Program (Free)
 - Turf Replacement Rebate (Coming in July)
 - Drip-line Conversion Rebate (Coming in July)
 - Commercial Water- Efficiency Programs
 - Rebates www.calwater.com/rebate
 - High-efficiency toilets
 - High-efficiency urinals
 - Smart irrigation controllers
 - Spray bodies w/pressure regulation
 - Large rotary nozzles
 - High-efficiency sprinkler nozzles
 - Customized Incentives
 - Smart Landscape Tune-up Program (Free)
 - Turf Replacement Rebate (Coming in July)
 - Drip-line Conversion Rebate (Coming in July)
 - Valley Water mandates 15% reduction in water use compared to 2019 at the June 9, 2021 board meeting
 - Standard Prohibited Uses of Water:
 - Use of water on landscaping that causes runoff onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures
 - Use of a hose without a shut-off nozzle to wash vehicles
 - Use of water for washing driveways and sidewalks
 - Use of water for decorative fountains that do not utilize a recirculation system
 - Use of water on landscaping during of within 48 hours after rainfall
 - Use of excessive water due to unrepaired leaks or defective irrigation systems
 - Providing water in restaurants (except upon request)
 - Outdoor irrigation between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm
4. Drought Preparedness and Water Conservation Recommendation
Discussed current drought position and discussed this as a future agenda item

Public Comment: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Lehigh Hansen and Stevens Creek Quarry
Reviewed City Council's discussion at the June 8, 2021 meeting
Public Comment: None
6. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Status Report
Received update on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan
Public Comment: Gary Hedden commented on the Transit-Oriented Development strategy
7. Environmental Commission Work Plan
Received Commissioner updates on other work plan items
Public Comment: None
8. City Staff Updates
Received information and announcements from City staff
2. Environmental Commission Reorganization
 - a. Chair
 - i. Commissioner Teksler nominated by Commissioner Yuan.
AYES: Delagneau, Lu, Teksler, Weiden and Yuan NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Humayun and Klein
 - b. Vice-Chair
 - ii. Commissioner Delagneau nominated by Commissioner Weiden.
AYES: Delagneau, Lu, Teksler, Weiden and Yuan NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Humayun and Klein

COMMISSION REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Drought Preparedness and Water Conservation Recommendation
- Solid Waste Diversion

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Teksler adjourned the meeting at 9:24 P.M.