

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Delagneau, Vice Chair Hecht, Commissioners Humayun, Lu, Teksler, van Reis.
ABSENT: Commissioner Weiden.

ATTENDEES: Council Member (Council Liaison) Fligor, Anthony Meyer, Dawn Smithson, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, David Siddique, Gary Hedden, Ellie El-Fishawy, Farida Abd el hak, Hannah Cushing, Olivia Fritsch, Aida Fairman, Betty Chin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Environmental Commission Minutes

Approved minutes of special meeting of June 20, 2022

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Teksler, seconded by Commissioner van Reis, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2022.

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

AYES: Delagneau, Hecht, Humayun, Lu, Teksler, van Reis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Weiden

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Introduction: New Director of the Environmental Services Department

Aida Fairman introduced herself to the Environmental Commission as the new Director of the Environmental Services and Utilities Department. Aida Fairman provided information on this newly created Department and was welcomed by the Commission. Fairman also provided information on the recruitment schedules for the sustainability coordinator and sustainability manager positions.

Public Comment

None

3. Road Map to a Tree Master Plan

Farida Abd el hak and Ellie El-Fishawy of GreenTown made a presentation on “Road Map to a Tree Master Plan” supplemented by comments by Gary Hedden of GreenTown. The Commissioners asked questions and discussed items such as tree preservation as a follow up to the presentation.

Public Comment

Betty Chin commented on community concerns about existing trees and their preservation, and inquired about the City’s plan for preservation of existing trees. Chin offered to inform her neighbors and offered her assistance on the Urban Forest Master Plan in its preparation.

4. Water Conservation

a. Presentation by California Water Service (Cal Water)

Dawn Smithson and Anthony Meyer from Cal Water made a presentation on the water conservation programs by Cal Water followed by questions and comments by the Commissioners.

Public Comment

Hannah Cushing inquired about the requirements of Cal Water’s “Lawn to Garden” program. Betty Chin commented on the need for penalties to facilitate water conservation.

b. Presentation by Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) on Water Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO)

Roseryn Bhudsabourg and David Siddique from SCVWD made a presentation on the background and requirements of MWENDO followed by questions and comments by the Commissioners.

Public Comment

None

c. Subcommittee formation

The Environmental Commission formed a Water Conservation Subcommittee comprising of Commissioners Teksler, Humayun, and Lu.

5. Environmental Commission Work Plan

a. Summary of Information by Commissioner Teksler from the SVCE MAWG Meetings, April to June

Commissioner Teksler reported on her participation in the SVCE MAWG meetings that included providing information on mechanisms to avoid power outages, SCVE contractor training program for switching gas appliances to electric appliances, and SVCE grant programs.

b. Discuss Work Plan Updates

Chair Delagneau provided and discussed updates on the work plan items with other

Environmental Commissioners. Commissioner Humayun provided an update on the work of the Urban Forest Management Subcommittee with the addition of Commissioner Lu to the Subcommittee.

6. City Staff Updates

Aida Fairman, Director of Environmental Services and Utilities Department referenced the information provided by her, under Item 1, regarding the recruitments schedules for the sustainability coordinator and sustainability manager positions.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

No Comments

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Reach Codes Subcommittee Report
- Discussion: Change start time for the Environmental Commission Meetings to 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Delagneau adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M.