

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

ESTABLISHING QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Hecht, Vice Chair Humayun, Commissioner van Reis, Commissioner Delagneau (Virtual Attendance), Commissioner Weiden, Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Teksler

ABSENT: None

ATTENDEES: Tania Katbi (Sustainability Coordinator)
Nick Zornes (Director of Development Services)
Councilmember Pete Dailey (Council Liaison)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No Public Comment.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Environmental Commission Minutes

Approved minutes of the August 14, 2023 meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Wieden, seconded by Chair Hecht, the Environmental Commission approved the meeting minutes with suggested modifications.

The motion was approved (7-0) by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

No public comment.

2. Commission Updates

Commissioners received additional updates on City Council changes to City Commissions, followed by questions and comments.

No public comment.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioners elected a new Chair and Vice Chair to serve through September 2024.

Action 1: Upon a motion by Commissioner Teksler, seconded by Commissioner Humayun, the Environmental Commission elected Commissioner Hecht as Chair.

Action 2: Upon a motion by Commissioner Delagneau, seconded by Commissioner Humayun, the Environmental Commission elected Commissioner Humayun as Vice Chair.

The motion was approved (7-0) by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

No public comment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Presentation on Building Permit Applications

The City's Building Official, Veronica Tinoko, presented on the building permit application process for solar panels and heat pumps followed by questions and comments from commissioners.

No public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Dark Skies Ordinance

Staff and Commission discussed City Council's directive to assist staff in conducting research on Dark Skies policies and Bird Safe Design. Chair Hecht was assigned to start initial research, with potential help from Commissioner Weiden. Chair Hecht will report on the initial findings at the January EC meeting.

No public comment.

6. Lehigh Cement Plant Closure

Commissioners discussed the Lehigh Cement Plant closure and drafted a letter of support for City Council to sign.

No public comment.

7. Building Electrification/Solar Resource Webpage Updates

Commissioners approved the proposed changes to the website.

No public comment.

STAFF UPDATES

Staff provided updates on various Sustainability Division projects and other announcements.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioners provided updates from the September City Council meetings and assigned Commissioners to attend the 11/14 (Commissioner Teksler) 11/28 (Vice Chair Humayun) and 12/12 (Chair Hecht) City Council meetings.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. SVCE Tariff On-Bill Program
2. Presentation from Bidgely, Inc.
3. Parking Management Plan
4. Community Center Cafe

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hecht adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.