

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN
PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Weiden

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment from Connie Miller.

CITY STAFF UPDATES

Director Nick Zornes reported on important updates.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Environmental Commission Minutes**
Approved minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2023.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hecht, seconded by Commissioner van Reis, the Environmental Commission approved the meeting minutes.

The motion was approved (6-0) by the following vote:
AYES: Delagneau, Hecht, Teksler, van Reis, Lu, Humayun
NOES: None
ABSENT: Weiden
ABSTAIN: None

2. **Tree Protection Ordinance**
Tania Katbi presented the recommendations, followed by questions and comments by commissioners.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hetch, seconded by Commissioner Lu, the Environmental Commission approved the recommendations with request to further review tree replacement ratio and native tree protection size with the consulting arborist, and, if time permits, in the TPO Subcommittee.

The motion was approved (6-0) by the following vote:
AYES: Delagneau, Hecht, Teksler, van Reis, Lu, Humayun
NOES: None
ABSENT: Weiden
ABSTAIN: None

Public comment from Connie Miller and Gary Hedden (in person) and Jim Wing (written).

3. MWENDO

Tania Katbi provided a status update, followed by questions and comments from the Commissioners.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Delagneau, seconded by Commissioner Hecht, the Environmental Commission approved the recommendation to defer MWENDO until the next cycle in 2025.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Weiden

ABSTAIN: None

No public comment.

4. Commission Workplan

Tania Katbi provided a status update on the workplan followed by questions and comments by commissioners. Commissioners discussed prioritizing city fleet electrification, building greening, and the single-use plastic ordinance.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner van Reis, seconded by Commissioner Lu, the Environmental Commission approved the draft work plan for the FY 23-24.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Weiden

ABSTAIN: None

No public comment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Commission and Handbook Updates

Tania Katbi provided an update on the Commission Handbook followed by questions and comments from the commissioners.

6. Other City Updates

Tania Katbi provided updates on the Cool Pavement Pilot Program, Self-Serve Compost Station Pilot Program, and the SVCE City Fleet Technical Assistance Program.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioners provided updates from the August City Council meetings and assigned Commissioners to attend the 9/12 (Vice Chair Hecht) and 9/26 (Commissioner Lu) City Council meetings.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Letter of support for the decommissioning of the Lehigh Quarry
2. Permitting process for heat pumps, solar panels, and battery storage
3. SVCE Tariff On-Bill Program
4. Presentation from Bidgely, Inc.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Delagneau adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.