

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M. IN PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

ESTABLISHING QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Hecht, Vice Chair Humayun (arrived at 6:05 PM), Commissioner Delagneau, Commissioner Weiden, Commissioner Lu, Commissioner van Reis, and Commissioner Teksler (arrived at 6:05 PM)

ABSENT: None

ATTENDEES: Tania Katbi (Sustainability Analyst)
Xiomara Aguirre (Development Services Technician)
Nick Zornes (Director of Development Services)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Shani Kleinhaus, Environmental Advocate, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, provided public comment.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Environmental Commission Minutes

Approved minutes of the March 11, 2024, meeting.

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

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Humayun, Teksler

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Chair Weiden and seconded by Commissioner van Reis to move item 2 on the agenda to the last item in the discussion items. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Building Electrification Data

Staff provided a report on Q1 building electrification data as of 2024.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Dark Skies Ordinance

Chair Hecht gave a presentation on dark skies.

Public comment was provided by Jim and Shani.

Action: Upon a motion by Chair Weiden, seconded by Commissioner Hecht, the Dark Skies Ad Hoc Committee will move forward to develop the Dark Skies Ordinance further with discretionary power to bring Dark Skies back to Environmental Commission for further discussion.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

4. EV Fair Debrief

Commissioner van Reis provided a debrief for the EV Fair. Commissioner Humayun provided feedback as an attendant. Staff provided comments about planning and implementation of the event. Commission will regroup at a future meeting to discuss future of EV Fair events.

5. Lehigh Annual Updates

Commissioner Lu provided report on information gathered at the annual meeting.

6. Tree City USA/Arbor Day Event

Commissioner Humayun updated commission on potential plans to observe Arbor Day on April 26, 2024.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Single-Use Plastics**

Staff and Commissioners provided information and updates on the Single-Use Plastic Ordinance.

b. **Building Electrification**

No updates were provided. Ad hoc committee will be meeting 4/12/24.

COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

Commissioners provided updates from the March City Council meetings.

STAFF UPDATES

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

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Plastic Recycling Programs
2. MTWS Update
3. SVCE Update
4. CAL Water Update

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hecht adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.