



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

6:00 PM - Wednesday, April 10, 2024

*Via Video Conference and In Person*

**IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION:** Members of the public may participate in-person at the Los Altos Community Center in the Sequoia Room located at 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos, CA.

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Public comment cannot be taken via Zoom or telephone.

### AGENDA

#### ESTABLISH QUORUM

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

*Members of the audience may bring to the Commission's attention any item that is not on the agenda. The Commission Chair will announce the time speakers will be granted before comments begin. Please be advised that, by law, the Planning Commission is unable to discuss or take action on issues presented during the Public Comment Period. According to State Law (also known as "The Brown Act") items must first be noted on the agenda before any discussion or action.*

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2024.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. **Tree City USA/Arbor Day Event:** Commissioner Humayun to update commission on potential plans to observe Arbor Day on April 26, 2024.

3. **Building Electrification Data:** Staff will present Q1 building electrification data.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **Dark Skies Ordinance:** Commissioners will discuss the proposed ordinance requirements.
5. **EV Fair Debrief:** Discuss and assess the event and gather feedback.
6. **Lehigh Annual Updates:** Commissioner Lu will report back on information gathered at the annual meeting.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Single-Use Plastics
- b. Building Electrification

## COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

## STAFF UPDATES

## POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Reach Code Status Update
2. Plastic Recycling Programs
3. MTWS Update
4. SVCE Update
5. CAL Water Update

## ADJOURNMENT

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M. IN PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

## ESTABLISHING QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Hecht, Vice Chair Humayun, Commissioner Delagneau (remote participation), Commissioner Weiden, Commissioner Lu, Commissioner van Reis, and Commissioner Teksler

ABSENT: None

ATTENDEES: Tania Katbi (Sustainability Analyst)  
Xiomara Aguirre (Development Services Technician)  
Nick Zornes (Director of Development Services)  
Mayor Wienberg (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 February 12, 2024, meeting.

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

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 2. Commission Meeting Dates

New meeting date and time confirmed for every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

### 3. EV Fair Update

Commissioner van Reis and staff provided an update on the upcoming EV Fair – Destination Electric, followed by questions and comments.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 4. Tree City USA Program

The Commission discussed and finalized their plan to move forward with recommendation to fill out the application.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Humayun, the Environmental Commission recommends Council to move forward with adopting the program and request staff to fill out the application if the City meets all the requirements.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**5. Single-Use Plastics**

Staff provided an update on the single use plastics ordinance.

**6. City Council Joint Meeting**

The commissioners debriefed on the meeting and Mayor Weinberg provided additional comments.

**7. Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

The Building Electrification and Single-Use Plastics Ad Hoc Subcommittees were formed.

**8. Dark Skies Ordinance**

The Ad Hoc Committee provided an update on the dark skies and bird safe design policies.

**STAFF UPDATES**

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

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioners provided updates from the February City Council meetings.

**POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hecht adjourned the meeting at 9:46 pm.

## Dark Skies

### Comments from Commissioners

#### **Weiden**

1. Part one of the lighting ordinance seems to prohibit non-emergency flashing traffic signs. The City has flashing red lights around octagonal stop signs in several locations, flashing traffic school zone speed signs and perhaps flashing yellow caution signs.
2. Perhaps the bird safety ordinance could exclude large windows, glass railings and glass walls in single family residences.

#### **Delagneau**

1. City compliance should be reduced from 10 years to 5 years
2. I'm assuming 6 months compliance is only for new buildings/residences and remodels?
3. Floodlighting is not allowed. Should it be for safety reasons (?) as long as it's through motion detection and does not last more than 5 minutes? Perhaps needs special permit?
4. Extinction of motion detection outdoor lighting could be shorter than 5 minutes (3?)
5. Street lighting should be LED dimmable and remotely controlled through a central computerized system (energy savings and safety are primary reasons). Add air quality sensors to street posts as well for early alert system by neighborhood (last part should not be in ordinance but should be done at same time as dimmable system installed and should budgeted accordingly)
6. For bird safety, consider applying ordinance to second story residences.