

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Teksler, Vice Chair Delagneau, Commissioners Hecht, van Reis, Weiden.

ABSENT: Commissioners Humayun and Lu

ATTENDEES: Council Member Fligor (Council liaison), Gary Hedden, and Laurel Iverson

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Environmental Commission Minutes

Approved minutes of special meeting of April 25, 2022

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Delagneau, seconded by Commissioner Weiden, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2022.

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

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

NOES: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. REACH Codes

Chair Teksler reported on several meetings with staff, including the City Manager and the Public Information Office (PIO) and the potential public outreach efforts including updating the website and the two community workshops in June on the Reach Code, one virtual and one in person. The Commission discussed the content of the potential public outreach efforts.

No Public Comment

3. Urban Forest Management Plan

The Commission formed a subcommittee of Commissioners Van Reis, and Humayun that would work with a subcommittee from the Parks and Rec Commission with agreement and upon consultation with the Parks and Rec Commission to work on the Urban Forest Management Plan. The Commission may allow another person to sit on or replace one of the selected member of the subcommittee at the next meeting in June.

Public Comment

Gary Hedden of GreenTown commented that they are hiring summer interns to work on the 500 trees program for six weeks and offered to do research on Master Urban Tree Plans, gather the information and present to the Environmental Commission. He also offered to create a road map to allow the City of Los Altos to join the Tree Cities USA. He indicated that GreenTown will be able to present to the Commission near the end of the summer internship program, which would conclude on July 22.

4. Water Conservation Efforts

The Commission would like to designate a subcommittee to work with Cal Water to inform on any potential water restrictions and about available programs for water conservation. The Commission would like to invite Cal Water to present at the June meeting of the Environmental Commission. Thereafter, the Commission would form the subcommittee.

No Public Comment

5. Environmental Commission Work Plan

The Commission discussed updated Work Plan including potential for cross-Commission work with the Complete Streets Commission. Interim Development Services Department, Laura Simpson provided input regarding staffing for updating the website.

No Public Comment

6. City Staff Updates

Interim Planning Director Laura Simpson announced that Nick Zornes was beginning as the new Director of Development Services, who could potentially attend the Environmental Commission's next meeting in June to be introduced. She also announced that the Beacon Award resolution will be on the May 24, 2022, Council agenda.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chair Teksler announced that she has met with City Manager Engeland, Council member Fligor and is attending member agency working group meetings held by SVCE in the absence of a full time sustainability coordinator to continue the work of the Environmental Commission.

The Chair provided information on the content of the last such meeting. Vice Chair Delagneau announced that the CAAP subcommittee will be examining options for fuel switching, and informed on the existing challenges for the effort. The Commission discussed some options for fuel switching.

Chair T announced that the next meeting in June the Commission will be electing a Chair and Vice Chair. The Commission indicated Commissioner Weiden will attend Council Meeting on May 10, Commissioner Hecht on May 24, Commissioner van Reis on June 14, Chair Teksler on June 28, and Vice Chair Delagneau on July 12 of 2022.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Environmental Commission's Chair and Vice Chair election
- California Water Service (Cal Water) presentation
- Additions on the subcommittee for Urban Forest Plan
- Update from subcommittees, including CAAP subcommittee on fuel switching options

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Teksler adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.