

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Teksler, Commissioners Hecht, Humayun, van Reis, Weiden.

ABSENT: Commissioner Lu and Vice Chair Delagneau (arrived at 7:03 pm)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Welcome New Commissioners

The Commission welcomed New Commissioners Hecht and van Reis and received their introductions.

2. Environmental Commission Minutes

Approved minutes of regular meeting of March 14, 2022

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Weiden, seconded by Commissioner Humayun, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2022.

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

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

NOES: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. REACH Codes

Chair Teksler provided information on the overall process and timeline for the new Reach Codes (Reach Codes 2.0), and the potential public outreach efforts, which would include two workshops, one in north City and one in south City, in conjunction with support from Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE).

Commissioner Weiden provided information on the different models of Reach Codes followed by a discussion by the Commissioners on options for the same.

Commissioner Hecht joined the Reach codes subcommittee as a member in addition to Chair Teksler and Commissioner Weiden.

No Public Comment

4. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)

Vice Chair Delagneau presented the proposed action items for the CAAP implementation in 2022, as included in the attachment in the agenda packet for the Environmental Commission Meeting of April 25, 2022, followed by discussion by the Commission on the proposed action items.

The Commission selected Commissioner van Reis to serve as the Environmental Commission Liaison for work on the implementation of “Development of yearly EV fair program” action item with partners such as Greentown. The Commission agreed to postpone the formation of a subcommittee on the “Draft ordinance for phase out off-road fossil fuel engines” and related action items to later in the year. The Commission formed a subcommittee comprising of Chair Teksler, Vice Chair Delagneau and Commissioner Weiden for “Ban on single use plastics’ ordinance” action item.

Staff Liaison Aggarwal informed the Environmental Commission of the City Manager’s communications with Greentown regarding the “Urban Forest Master Plan” and impending staff follow up planned prior to the next Environmental Commission meeting for reporting back.

The Commission discussed the CAAP subcommittee formation, disbanded the existing CAAP subcommittee and formed a new CAAP subcommittee comprising of Vice Chair Delagneau, Commissioners Humayun and van Reis for CAAP implementation.

No Public Comment

5. Environmental Commission Work Plan

Commissioner Weiden recommended updating the Environmental Commission dashboard updated to disseminate announcements and information regarding ongoing draught and water conservation efforts. The Commission accepted Commissioner van Reis’s offer to help update the dashboard. The Commission discussed updating the workplan and items that should potentially be included in the work plan i.e. the Urban Forest Master Plan, and actions on the Complete Street Commission’s workplan that relate to the CAAP.

6. Environmental Commission Accomplishments and Goals

Chair Teksler presented the outline of the Commission’s Accomplishments and Goals, included as an attachment in the agenda packet for the Environmental Commission Meeting of April 25, 2022, for Commission input for updating the document, as needed, for the Joint Council-Commission session on May 3, 2022.

7. City Staff Updates

The Commission received information from staff liaison Ranu Aggarwal on the poster challenge sponsored by Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Program and cosponsored by the City for Earth Day.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chair Teksler recommended reinstating the practice of attendance by Commissioners at Council meetings and report back to the Commission on items pertaining to the Environmental Commission. Commissioner Weiden announced and provided information on a tree planting event at Redwood Grove on April 29, 2022, sponsored by Greentown.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Teksler adjourned the meeting at 8:51 P.M.