

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 BEGINNING
AT 7:00 P.M. AT COMMUNITY MEETING CHAMBERS, LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, 1
NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Weiden, Vice Chair Yuan, Commissioners Klein, Bray, Halkola (left at 8:10 P.M.) and Teksler

ABSENT: Commissioner Martin

STAFF: Staff Liaison Niday

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Gary Hedden (volunteer with Green Town Los Altos) announced upcoming events with Green Town Los Altos and the History Museum.

Bruce Karney (Mountain View resident and a representative of the Climate Reality Project – Santa Clara Chapter) recommended that the City of Los Altos complete a Greenhouse Gas emission update on a yearly basis.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Environmental Commission Minutes

Approved minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2019

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Teksler, seconded by Commissioner Yuan, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the August 12, 2019 regular meeting as written.

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

AYES: Weiden, Yuan, Klein, Bray, Halkola and Teksler

NOES: None

ABSENT: Martin

ABSTAIN: None

2. Herbicide Use in Los Altos City Parks

Reviewed and discussed current use of herbicides in City parks

Public Comment: None

Action: The Commission received an oral report from Manny Hernandez, Los Altos Municipal Services Director, and discussed the herbicide use in Los Altos City parks. The Commission agreed to continue to evaluate and investigate the health effects of synthetic pesticides and herbicides before continuing discussion and considering a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

3. Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Discussed the 2019 Building Electrification and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Reach Code Initiative.

Public Comment:

Bruce Karney announced that the American Institute of Architects has committed to making all new designs carbon neutral (natural gas free) by 2030.

Gary Hedden recommends banning natural gas in the City of Los Altos.

Action: The Commission affirmed support for City development and ratification of a Reach Code based upon the work of SVCE.

4. Los Altos Community Foundation Environmental Education Fund

Discussed EnviroThon Challenge winners and award distributions.

Public Comment: None

Action: The Commission will decide on what date is appropriate for the winning teams to provide an update to the Commission; this can take place during the public comment period or put on the agenda; the Commission will also decide on what dates they will discuss next year's event.

5. Environmental Commission Work Plan

Reviewed and discussed goals for the 2019/20 Work Plan

Public Comment: None

Action: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. City Staff Updates

Received information and announcements from City staff

COMMISSION REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weiden adjourned the meeting at 8:27 P.M.