

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.  
TELECONFERENCE**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Chair Weiden, Vice Chair Tekslar, Commissioners Delagneau, Humayun, Klein and Looijen

ABSENT: Commissioner Yuan

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Introduced newly appointed Commissioner Looijen

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Gary Hedden (Los Altos resident) spoke about the delays by City Council to consider the Reach Code Ordinance and recommended the Environmental Commission use this delay as an opportunity to conduct additional outreach.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

1. Environmental Commission Minutes  
Approved minutes of regular meeting of July 13, 2020

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Tekslar, seconded by Commissioner Delagneau, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2020.

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

AYES: Weiden, Tekslar, Klein, Humayun, Delagneau and Looijen

NOES: None

ABSENT: Yuan

ABSTAIN: None

2. Herbicide Use in Los Altos City Parks  
Received presentation on Integrated Pest Management Policy update from Manny Hernandez, Municipal Services Director

Public Comment: None

Action: The Commission received an oral presentation from Manny Hernandez, Los Altos Municipal Services Director, on the updated IPM policy, banning the use of synthetic herbicides and pesticides in Los Altos City parks. The Commission recommended expanding #4 under B. Policy to include areas that are not zoned as parks but are public access areas such as walkways and paths. Manny agreed to revise and expand the definition of “Parks” in the policy and revise the details of B. #4. The City will continue to evaluate and investigate

organic methods for pest control. After the policy updates are complete, implementation will proceed once approved administratively by the City Manager.

3. Environmental Commission Work Plan

- a. Received update on the Reach Code Ordinance item postponement by Council from Vice Chair Tekslar.
- b. A Subcommittee was established for limiting single-use plastics ordinance, Chair Weiden, Vice Chair Tekslar and Commissioner Delagneau will serve on the subcommittee.

Public Comment:

Deepa Dhar (Los Altos resident) inquired about the Reach Codes and wanted to more information about the adoption process and details of the ordinance.

Gary Hedden (Los Altos resident) recommended the Commission continue outreach efforts to address public concerns and misconceptions about the Reach Codes.

Action: The Environmental Commission agreed to give the Reach Code Subcommittee the authority to develop and conduct further community outreach for the Reach Codes. The Reach Code Subcommittee will work with staff to identify outreach opportunities and implement and conduct additional education and outreach as appropriate.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Updates on Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCEA)  
Received update on Member Agency Working Group
5. 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 8:49 P.M.