

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. IN PERSON
AND TELECONFERENCE

ESTABLISHING QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Humayun (Virtual), Vice Chair van Reis, Commissioner Hecht,
Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Nee, and Commissioner Weiden (Virtual)

ABSENT: None

ATTENDEES: Tania Katbi (Management Analyst II), Nick Zornes (Assistant City Manager),
Veronica Tinoco (Building Official)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments provided by Peter Landsberger.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. **GreenTown Los Altos Summer Internship Presentation**

Donovan Carlson showcased the results from his summer project on Green Landscaping, highlighting key learnings and achievements from the work followed by Q&A.

2. **Carbon Removal Presentation**

Karl Danz a volunteer with the OpenAir Collective, presented carbon removal solutions, policy, and how Los Altos can help advance the work.

Action: Bring to a future meeting to discuss recommending this to City Council to participate in the Carbon Removal Purchasing Challenge.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

3. **Environmental Commission Minutes**

Approved minutes of the June 11, 2025, meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair van Reis, seconded by Commissioner Nee, the Environmental Commission approved the meeting minutes with edits.

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

AYES: Lu, Humayun, Nee, van Reis, Weiden, Hecht

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

4. **SVCE 2025 Model Codes**

Approved staff's recommendation to adopt the SVCE 2025 model ordinances, AC to Heat Pump and Electric Readiness, to the City Council for adoption concurrently with the 2025 State Building Code Updates.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hecht, seconded by Vice Chair van Reis, the Environmental Commission approved the recommendation.

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

AYES: Lu, Humayun, Nee, van Reis, Weiden, Hecht

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Residential Building Electrification Working Group Update

Working group and City staff provided an update on electrification efforts followed by a group discussion.

6. Urban Forest & Ecosystem Master Plan Working Group Update

Working group and City staff provided an update on electrification efforts followed by a group discussion.

Public Comment by Maria Bautista, Alice Mansell, and Catherine Nunes.

7. Transportation Update

Chair Humayun provided an update followed by a group discussion.

8. General Outreach

City staff answered questions that were asked at previous meetings followed by a group discussion.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

9. Reports from Council Meetings

Commissioners shared updates from Council meetings.

10. Roundtable Progress Updates

Commissioners shared project updates.

Group	Topic	Commissioner
Working Pair	Residential Home Electrification	Hecht, Nee
Working Pair	Urban Forest	Lu, van Reis
Individual Work	Electrification Event	van Reis
Individual Work	Transportation	Humayun
Individual Work	Deconstruction	Humayun

STAFF UPDATES

Staff shared updates with the commission.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. CAL Water Update
2. GHG Inventory Follow-up
3. Workplan Updates
4. Deconstruction Discussion
5. Residential Electrification Discussion
6. Transportation Discussion
7. Conservation Technology Accelerator (Special presentation)
8. Artificial Turf Discussion
9. Living Green Event Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humayun adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.