



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Council Chamber
1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030
April 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**

IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM (HYBRID)

South Pasadena Natural Resources and Environmental Statement of Civility

As your appointed governing board we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made tonight will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.

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Natural Resources and Environmental Commission

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CALL TO ORDER: Casey Law

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Rona Bortz, Amy Davis Jones, William J. Kelly, Michael Siegel; Vice Chair Michelle Hammond, Chair Casey Law.

COUNCIL LIAISON: Mayor Michael A. Cacciotti

STAFF PRESENT: Ted Gerber, Public Works Director
Arpy Kasparian, Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Casey Law

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS (*Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes*)
Pursuant to state law, the NREC may not discuss or take action on issues not on the meeting agenda, except that members of the NREC or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising public testimony rights (Government Code Section 54954.2). Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

1. General Public Comment

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Provide Input on the Proposed FY 22/23 Water Conservation Program

ACTION ITEMS

3. Approval of Minutes - Meeting of March 22, 2022

COMMUNICATIONS

4. City Council Liaison Communications

5. Commissioner Communications

6. Staff Liaison Communications

7. Upcoming Events

- Eclectic Music Festival – April 30
- 626 Golden Streets Event – May 1
- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars - Various dates
(<https://www.ladpw.org/epd/sg/webinars.cfm>)
- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars - Various dates
(<https://greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation/>)

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE NREC MEETINGS

May 24, 2022	Council Chamber	7:00pm
June 28, 2022	Council Chamber	7:00pm
July 26, 2022	Council Chamber	7:00pm

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this notice of agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030, and on the City's website as required by law.

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Date

Arpy Kasparian

Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager

ITEM 3

Approval of Minutes – Meeting of March 22, 2022

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – March 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Michelle Hammond, Commissioner Casey Law, Commissioner William J. Kelly, and Chair Amy Davis Jones. Commissioner Rona Bortz was absent. Mayor Michael Cacciotti arrived at 7:55pm. Commissioner Michael Siegel had an excused absence. Staff present: Ted Gerber, Public Works Director and Arpy Kasparian, Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager.

1) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Wes Reutimann, Special Programs Director with Active San Gabriel Valley - Shared the return of 626 Golden Streets in South Pasadena, May 1, 2022. A series of activities will be taking place during the event: electric bike demonstration, live entertainment, activities for kids, and a series of informational booths. Reutimann offered a booth to the Commission during the event to raise awareness for ongoing initiatives and upcoming events.

DISCUSSION/ PRESENTATION ITEMS:

2) Earth Day Events in South Pasadena

Kasparian shared a series of events to highlight Earth Day 2022 in the City. There will be promotion on current City programs such as water conservation rebates, water waste reporting, and the Clean Power Alliance. The commissioners discussed how they could participate in the events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3) Green Action Plan Progress Report

Kasparian provided an update on the progress of the Green Action Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wes Reutimann - Shared that County of Los Angeles is expected to consider a new ordinance to reduce single-use plastic and will be reviewed on April 5.

Mike G - Commented in regards to single use plastics at the Farmer's Market.

4) Commission Analysis Update

Gerber relayed information on the evaluation of Commissions. There are no expected changes to NREC.

Mayor Michael Cacciotti arrived to the meeting at 7:55pm.

There is an open commission position in the NREC. The deadline to apply for any vacant commission position will be the appointment date, which depends on the specific commission. To apply, visit the City website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

ACTION ITEMS:**5) Approval of Minutes – Meeting of February 22, 2022**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KELLY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, MOTION CARRIED 4-0, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 22 NREC COMMISSION MEETING.

6) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Jones nominated Commissioner Law to be appointed as the Chair and Commissioner Hammond to be appointed as Vice Chair. No other nominations or objections.

MOTION BY CHAIR JONES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KELLY, MOTION CARRIED 4-0, TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONER LAW AS CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER HAMMOND AS VICE CHAIR.

COMMUNICATIONS:**7) City Council Liaison Communications**

Mayor Cacciotti visited the Gold Line Extension Construction Authorities project in Glendora. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is discussing possible pedestrian bridges and bike trails. Cacciotti is also attending meetings with SCAQMD to conduct studies for improving air quality.

8) Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Kelly urged that water conservation be taken seriously because the State of California is not meeting voluntary measures in place. Commissioner Law shared that The IPCC 6th assessment report is accessible at the website IPCC.CH and discusses climate change impact. Commissioner Hammond shared residential questions about tree planting and tree replacement watering tips on the parkway.

9) Staff Liaison Communications

Kasparian shared the Senior Citizen Dumpster Day and thanked Chair Jones for her service with the NREC. Ted Gerber also thanked Chair Jones and congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair. Gerber shared an update on stormwater projects.

10) Upcoming Events

- Leaf Blower Demonstration – April 21
- Greywater Garden Tour – April 23
- Compost Giveaway – April 23
- Community Garden Plant Swap – April 23
- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars - Various dates(<https://www.ladpw.org/epd/sg/webinars.cfm>)
- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars - Various dates(<https://greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation/>)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Amy Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on April 26, 2022.

Amy Jones, Chair