



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

**Council Chamber
1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030
January 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**

VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

*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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PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The NREC welcomes public input. If you would like to comment on any agenda item, members of the public may participate by means of one of the following options:
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Option 2: Email public comment(s) to: nrecpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov. **Public Comments received in writing will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be part of the meeting record.** Written Public Comments will be uploaded online for public viewing under Additional Documents. There is no word limit on emailed Public Comment(s). Please make sure to indicate: 1) your name (optional), and 2) what agenda item you are submitting public comment on, or if it is a general public comment, and 3) your comment. **Public Comments must be received by 12:00 p.m., January 25, 2022** to ensure adequate time to compile and post.

CALL TO ORDER: Amy Davis Jones

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

COUNCIL LIAISON: Mayor Pro Tem Michael A. Cacciotti

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Amy Davis Jones

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

ACTION ITEMS

2. Approval of Minutes - Meeting of December 6, 2021

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Annual Report 2021

4. Strategic Plan Review and Development of 2022 Work Plan

5. Selection of Officers

6. SB1383 & Food Scrap Collection Update

COMMUNICATIONS

7. City Council Liaison Communications

8. Commissioner Communications

9. Staff Liaison Communications

10. Upcoming Events

- Nature Park Volunteer Day – Feb. 19, 2022
- 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

February 22, 2022	Zoom	7:00pm
March 22, 2022	Zoom	7:00pm
April 26, 2022	Zoom	7:00pm

PUBLIC ACCESS TO AGENDA DOCUMENTS AND BROADCASTING OF MEETINGS

Prior to meetings, agenda related documents and complete agenda packets are available for public inspection online at <https://www.southpasadenaca.gov/government/boards-commissions/natural-resources-environmental-commission>.

ACCOMMODATIONS




The City of South Pasadena wishes to make all of its public meetings accessible to the public. Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If special assistance is needed to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Division at (626) 403-7230. Upon request, this agenda will be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will assist staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II).

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.

1/21/22

Date


Arpy Kasparian

Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager

ITEM 2

Approval of Minutes – Meeting of December 6, 2021

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES – December 6, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Rona Bortz, Commissioner Michelle Hammond, Commissioner Casey Law, Commissioner Bill Kelly, and Commissioner Michael Siegel. Chair Amy Jones was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti was present. Staff present: Ted Gerber, Deputy Public Works Director; Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst; Brian Solinsky, Police Chief; Shannon Robledo, Lieutenant; and Tony Abdalla, Police Sergeant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Public Comments

There were no general public comments.

ACTION ITEMS:

2) Police and Fire Department Fleet Transition to Battery Electric Vehicles Recommendation

Police Chief Brian Solinsky and Police Sergeant Tony Abdalla presented to the commission the Police Department's research and project to transition vehicles in the police and fire fleets to battery electric vehicles. Sergeant Abdalla's research found that Tesla vehicles would best fit the needs of the departments. The commissioners asked several questions regarding alternative models, charging infrastructure, costs, power emergencies, artificial intelligence, data collection, etc. Sergeant Abdalla and City staff answered all questions. Deputy Public Works Director, Ted Gerber, gave more explanation on the potential charging infrastructure at City Hall. The commission discussed all aspects of the transition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BORTZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAW, MOTION CARRIED 5-0, TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE TRANSITION OF THE POLICE AND FIRE FLEET TO BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLES

3) Approval of Minutes - Meeting of October 26, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SIEGEL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BORTZ, MOTION CARRIED 5-0, TO APPROVE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS:

4) City Council Liaison Communications

Mayor Pro Tem M. Cacciotti updated the commission on the meetings he attended and expanded upon the City's electrification plans.

5) Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Bortz had no comments. Commissioner Hammond had no comments. Commissioner Siegel shared the successful community bike ride and encouraged more bike-friendly programs and projects in the City. Commissioner Kelly had no comments. Commissioner Law had no comments.

6) Staff Liaison Communications

Kasparian updated the commission on the gas-powered leaf blower ordinance outreach, the SB1383 food scrap collection program, and general commission updates. Gerber provided additional updates on the City's electrification projects including SCE's Charge Ready program.

7) Upcoming Events

- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars – Various dates
(<https://www.ladpw.org/epd/sg/webinars.cfm>)
- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars – Various dates
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ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:47p.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 January 25, 2022.

Amy Jones, Chair

ITEM 6

Residential Food Scrap Collection Bill Insert

RESIDENTIAL FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION

BEGINS IN SOUTH PASADENA ON JANUARY 1, 2022

Athens Services is partnering with South Pasadena to implement food scrap collection for single-family home residents as required by state mandate, Senate Bill 1383.

WHAT'S CHANGING?

Starting January 1, 2022, residents will be required to discard organic waste (including food scraps and 100% fiber based, food-soiled paper) in their current yard waste container so the waste can be recycled.

All you have to do is separate your food scraps and food-soiled paper and throw them away with your yard waste instead of your regular trash.

- * No new containers required
- * Backyard Service will continue as usual
- * Applies to single-family homes only
- * Food scrap collection for multifamily and commercial accounts coming soon
- * Penalties delayed until January 2024

WHY ORGANICS RECYCLING?

Landfills are the third largest source of methane in California. Organic waste emits 20% of the state's methane; a climate super pollutant up to 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Senate Bill 1383 requires residents and businesses to divert their organic waste from landfills. By recycling your organics, you are part of the solution in helping to protect the environment and future generations.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

STEP 1 Find a portable, reusable pail with a tight fitting lid to collect your kitchen food scraps. Consider reusing a coffee canister, large yogurt or margarine tub, or juice pitcher. The container can be stored on the kitchen counter, under the sink, or in the freezer. Liners are optional. Consider newspaper or a paper bag - no plastic bags!

STEP 2 Fill your pail with food scraps and acceptable items.



STEP 3 Empty pail contents into your yard waste container. Athens will pick up as usual on your trash day.



Athens Tip: Store meat and dairy scraps in your freezer and place in your yard waste container on trash day.

STEP 4 Rinse out pail with soap and water. Fill again. Sprinkle lightly with baking soda to absorb odors.

ACCEPTABLE ORGANICS WASTE

GREEN WASTE

- Flower & hedge trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Leaves & branches
- Lumber, scrap wood, & plywood (not painted or treated)
- Weeds

FOOD-SOILED PAPER*

- Food-stained paper
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper napkins & kitchen towels
- Pizza boxes
- Plates
- To-go boxes (no coating)
- Wooden & fiber-based utensils

FOOD SCRAPS

- Bread, rice, & pasta
- Cheese & dairy
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Fruits & vegetables
- Flowers & herbs
- Meat, bones, & poultry
- Seafood & soft shells
- Pet food (non-medicated)

*Must be 100% fiber-based. NO materials with petroleum based plastic, wax, or bio-plastic coating, liner, or laminate.

DO NOT INCLUDE

- All plastics
- Cacti, succulents, & yucca
- Compostable plastics (bioplastics)
- Coffee cups & pods
- Fats, oils, & grease
- Food stickers (please remove)
- Gloves
- Hard shells (clams, mussels, oysters)
- Medication
- Palm fronds
- Paper napkins & towels with cleaning chemicals
- Parchment & wax paper
- Pet waste
- Rocks & soil
- Rubber bands & twist ties
- Tea bags
- Textiles
- Tissues & wet wipes

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Athens Customer Care Center at (888) 336-6100 or visit AthensServices.com/Food. Visit www.southpasadenaca.gov/organicsrecycling for more information.



FOOD & COMPOSTABLES ONLY

ORGANICOS Y DESPERDICIO DE COMIDA SOLAMENTE



FOOD-SOILED PAPER / PAPEL SUCIO CON COMIDA



* Paper straws only/popotes de papel



NO! / ¡NO!



*No plastic/
no plástico



*No metal/
no metal



*No pet waste/
no residuos de mascotas



*No glass/
no cristal



*No gloves/
no guantes



*No foam/
no productos de unicel

