



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

**Council Chamber
1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030
March 22, 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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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 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

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

2. Earth Day Events in South Pasadena

3. Green Action Plan Progress Report

4. Commission Analysis Update

ACTION ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 22, 2022

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

7. City Council Liaison Communications

8. Commissioner Communications

9. Staff Liaison Communications

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

FUTURE NREC MEETINGS

April 26, 2022	Zoom	7:00pm
May 24, 2022	Zoom	7:00pm
June 28, 2022	Zoom	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.

Date

Arpy Kasparian
Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager

ITEM 5

Approval of Minutes – Meeting of February 22, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Michelle Hammond, Commissioner Casey Law, Commissioner Bill Kelly, Commissioner Michael Siegel, and Chair Amy Jones. Commissioner Rona Bortz had an excused absence. Mayor Michael Cacciotti joined the meeting at 7:07pm. Staff present: Ted Gerber, Public Works Director; and Arpy Kasparian, Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Public Comments

There were no general public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2) City Stormwater Projects

Ted Gerber presented on the stormwater projects in the City. Gerber answered questions from the commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

ACTION ITEMS:

3) Approval of Minutes - Meeting of January 25, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAW, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KELLY, MOTION CARRIED 5-0, TO APPROVE MINUTES

4) Adoption of Annual Report

Arpy Kasparian presented the Annual Report outlining the commission's accomplishments in 2021. The commission had no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SIEGEL, MOTION CARRIED 5-0, TO ADOPT THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

5) Adoption of March 2022 – June 2022 Work Plan

Kasparian reviewed the commission's 2021 Work Plan and proposed an interim Work Plan for March 2022 to June 2022 Work Plan, which included incomplete items from 2021. The commission had no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

Commissioner Law left the meeting at 8:42pm.

COMMUNICATIONS:

6) City Council Liaison Communications

Mayor Cacciotti updated the commission on the meetings he attended and elaborated on the commission analysis.

7) Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Hammond encouraged everyone to complete and spread the word on the Waste Collection Survey. Commissioner Kelly provided an update on the Athens Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioner Siegel had no comments. Chair Jones had no comments.

8) Staff Liaison Communications

Kasparian reminded the commission of the commission analysis community meeting and encouraged all to complete the Waste Collection Survey. Gerber confirmed that there currently are no recommendations to make any changes to the NREC and announced the 626 Golden Streets Mission to Mission event this year on May 1.

9) Upcoming Events

- Waste Collection Survey – Deadline March 3, 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:

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:57p.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 March 22, 2022.

Amy Jones, Chair