



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

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

September 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC ADVISORY: THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL NOT BE OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

NOTICE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the special meeting of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission for **September 22, 2020** will be conducted remotely and held by video conference. The Meeting will be broadcast live on the City's local cable channel and the City's website at: http://www.spectrumstream.com/streaming/south_pasadena/live.cfm.

Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, the Council Chambers will not be open for the meeting. Commissioners will be participating remotely and will not be physically present in the Council Chambers.

If you would like to comment on an agenda item, members of the public may submit their comments in writing for Commission consideration by emailing them to: nrepubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov. **Public Comments must be received by 12 p.m., September 22, 2020** to ensure adequate time to compile and post. Public Comment portion of the email is limited to 250 words. Please make sure to indicate: 1) your name; 2) what agenda item you are submitting public comment on or if it is a general public comment; and 3) if you request for your public comment to be read at the meeting.

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.

- CALL TO ORDER:** Madeline C. Di Giorgi
- ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Amy Davis Jones, William J. Kelly, Stephen Leider, and Lauren Myles; Vice Chair Rona Bortz; and Chair Madeline C. Di Giorgi.
- COUNCIL LIAISON:** Mayor Pro Tem Diana Mahmud
- STAFF PRESENT:** Julian Lee, Deputy Public Works Director
Garrett Crawford, Public Works Operations Manager
Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation/Sustainability Analyst
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Madeline C. Di Giorgi

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) welcomes public input. Members of the public may address the NREC by emailing: nrecpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov. **Public Comments must be received by 12 p.m., September 22, 2020** to ensure adequate time to compile and post. Public Comment portion of the email is limited to 250 words. Please make sure to indicate: 1) your name; 2) what agenda item you are submitting public comment on or if it is a general public comment; and 3) if you request for your public comment to be read at the meeting.

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.

Note: Public input will also be read during all agenda items.

1. Public Comment

PRESENTATION

2. Energy Efficiency Resources - San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3. Second Reading of Tree Ordinance**
- 4. Heat Tolerant Trees List**

ACTION ITEMS

- 5. **Approval of Minutes** – Meeting of August 25, 2020

COMMUNICATIONS

- 6. **City Council Liaison Communications**
- 7. **Commissioner Communications**
- 8. **Staff Liaison Communications**
- 9. **Upcoming Events**
 - Free Compost and Mulch Giveaway – 10/3/20, 8:00am
 - Dumpster Day – 10/24/20, 8:00am
 - 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

October 27, 2020	Virtual Zoom	7:00pm
November 24, 2020	Virtual 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 at online at <https://www.southpasadenaca.gov/government/boards-commissions/natural-resources-environmental-commission>. This Special Meeting will be broadcast live on Spectrum Channel 19 and AT&T Channel 99. This Special Meeting will also be streamed live via the internet 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. Hearing assistive devices are available in the Council Chamber. 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.

9/17/20

Date



Arpy Kasparian

Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst

ITEM 3, Report Under Separate Cover
Second Reading of Tree Ordinance

ITEM 5

Approval of Minutes – August 25, 2020

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – August 25, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04p.m. Present were: Commissioner Amy Jones, Commissioner Bill Kelly, Commissioner Stephen Leider, Vice Chair Rona Bortz, Chair Madeline Di Giorgi, and Mayor Pro Tem Diana Mahmud. Commissioner Lauren Myles was absent. Staff present: Julian Lee, Deputy Public Works Director and Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation & Sustainability Analyst.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

PRESENTATION:

1) Draft Climate Action Plan

Hannah Mize and Andrew Beecher from Rincon Consultants presented the Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) which included an introduction, the greenhouse gas emissions inventory and targets, and several technical appendices. The consultants also presented the six new measures that were added to the CAP based on community feedback received through the CAP survey. In addition, the consultants demonstrated how the CAPDash program would monitor and communicate progress on the implementation of the plan. The consultants answered questions from the commission regarding data sources, electrification challenges and concerns, and the CAPDash program. The commission asked that an executive summary of the Draft CAP be prepared and made available prior to the community meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diana Coronado – Representative from Building Industry Association – Asked that the CAP be re-evaluated to assess the impacts of Covid-19, suggested a housing production analysis be completed, and for cost effectiveness studies and planning strategies take place before the CAP actions.

Helen Romero Shaw – Representative from SoCal Gas – Encouraged the City to adopt policies supporting gas system decarbonization rather than those that propose banning natural gas infrastructure.

Brad Jensen – Representative from San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership – Expressed concerns over increased costs of new development.

ACTION ITEMS:

2) Approval of Minutes – Meeting of July 28, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LEIDER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JONES, CARRIED 5-0 to approve minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

3) City Council Liaison Communications

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud expressed her delight in joining the commission as the City Council Liaison. She shared that she is the Clean Power Alliance Board Chair and can provide any requested information.

4) Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Jones had no comments. Commissioner Kelly had no comments. Commissioner Leider had no comments. Vice Chair Bortz had no comments. Chair Di Giorgi welcomed Mayor Pro Tem to the commission.

5) Staff Liaison Communications

Kasparian thanked Rincon Consultants, gave the commission an update on the Green Action Plan, and an update on falling tree limbs on Meridian Ave.

6) Upcoming Events

- Free Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event – 8/29/20, 9am-2pm (SPUSD Headquarters Parking Lot)
- Virtual Climate Action Plan Community Meeting – 9/10/20, 6:00pm
- 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 Di Giorgi adjourned the meeting at 9:39p.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 September 22, 2020.

Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair

ITEM 9

Upcoming Events

RESIDENTS OF SOUTH PASADENA ONLY



Free

COMPOST & MULCH

Compost (donated by Athens Services) consists of organic material, including food waste. It breaks down to a fine, dark matter over time. Athens' compost is certified organic under the USDA National Organic Program. Mulch (donated by West Coast Arborist) is chipped tree trimmings or bark groundcover. It works as an insulator to keep the temperature of the soil and roots moderate and reduce evaporation and weeds.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARKING LOT

1020 EL CENTRO ST.

YOU MUST:

- Wear a face covering
- Bring your own sturdy containers and shovel
- Shovel your own mulch/compost
- Be a South Pasadena resident (bring ID or utility bill for verification)
- PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING BY MAINTAINING 6 FEET BETWEEN YOURSELF AND OTHERS



Senior Citizen

Dumpster Day

Week of October 19-23, 2020

(Verification of age maybe asked at time of pick up

Senior Citizens age 60 and over)

No hazardous waste will be accepted

Senior Citizen residents can have large furniture or appliances picked up from their homes for free.

Seniors are asked to have all items collected and readily available

in an outdoor area near trash containers

Items will be picked up on the same day as

regular rubbish pick up the week of October 19-23, 2020

NOTE DELINQUENT ATHENS CUSTOMERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

Reservations are required for all pick ups.

Calls will be taken at the

South Pasadena Senior Center at (626) 403 - 7360

NOTE: DURING COVID CLOSURES CALLS TAKEN 8am-2 pm

Deadline for all reservations:

Friday, OCTOBER 16, 2020 12 noon

All other residents can participate in the drive through drop off on

Saturday, October 24, 2020

8 am to 2 pm Arroyo Drive (south of Mission Street).

For questions with pick up contact

Leonna DeWitt Public Works Department: 626-403-7240;

LDewitt@southpasadenaca.gov

OR



1-888-336-6100



Webinars



Join us for free webinars to beautify your home and garden. Webinars are approximately 45 minutes followed by a 15 minute period to answer questions and take orders for [compost bins](#). We offer these four subjects:

Intro to Composting: Learn about backyard and worm composting to create a rich soil amendment to nourish your garden.

Water-wise Gardening: Create a beautiful drought-tolerant landscape and learn about grasscycling to fortify your lawn.

Organic Gardening: Build healthy soil, grow herbs and vegetables, and address plant pests and diseases using organic methods.

Small-space Gardening: Learn to grow plants in containers and set up a small-space worm composting system.



Intro to Composting

♣ **August 27, 2020**
Thursday, 9 - 10 a.m.
[Register here](#)

♣ **August 29, 2020**
Saturday, 10 - 11 a.m.
[Register here](#)



♣ **September 9, 2020**
Wednesday, 6 - 7 p.m.
[Register here](#)

♣ **September 16, 2020**
Wednesday, 6 - 7 p.m.
[Register here](#)

♣ **September 24, 2020**
Thursday, 9 - 10 a.m.
[Register here](#)

♣ **September 26, 2020**
Saturday, 10 - 11 a.m.
[Register here](#)



Water-wise Gardening

💧 **September 3, 2020**
Thursday, 9 - 10 a.m.
[Register here](#)

💧 **September 30, 2020**
Wednesday, 6 - 7 p.m.
[Register here](#)



Organic Gardening

🌸 **August 20, 2020**
Thursday, 9 - 10 a.m.
[Register here](#)

🌸 **August 22, 2020**
Saturday, 10 - 11 a.m.
[Register here](#)

🌸 **September 2, 2020**
Wednesday, 6 - 7 p.m.
[Register here](#)

🌸 **September 5, 2020**
Saturday, 10 - 11 a.m.
[Register here](#)

🌸 **September 10, 2020**
Thursday, 9 - 10 a.m.
[Register here](#)

🌸 **September 19, 2020**
Saturday, 10 - 11 a.m.
[Register here](#)



Small-space Gardening

🍓 **August 26, 2020**
Wednesday, 6 - 7 p.m.
[Register here](#)



🍓 **September 12, 2020**
Saturday, 10 - 11 a.m.
[Register here](#)

🍓 **September 17, 2020**
Thursday, 9 - 10 a.m.
[Register here](#)

🍓 **September 23, 2020**
Wednesday, 6 - 7 p.m.
[Register here](#)

Metropolitan Water District FREE Webinars:

Register at greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation

California Friendly and Native Plant Landscaping
Turf Removal and Garden Transformation
Garden Design Workshop

Part 1

The Basics: California Friendly and Native Plant Landscaping Training

Get a gorgeous garden by understanding the principles of California Friendly and native plant landscapes. What makes a landscape watershed wise, and how do you start planning your project?

In this workshop you will learn how to:

1. Look at Your Yard as a Mini-watershed
2. Create a Living Soil Sponge that Holds onto Water
3. Treat Rainwater as a Resource by Contouring the Land to Capture it
4. Select and Arrange Plants to Maximize Biodiversity and Minimize Water Use
5. Control Your Irrigation to Minimize Water Waste

REGISTER

Part 2

Turf Removal and Garden Transformation Workshop

Dig into the process of removing grass from your yard, selecting and planting climate-appropriate plants, and making sure your garden is healthy for the long-haul.

In this workshop you will learn how to:

1. Evaluate the Opportunities in Your Landscape
2. Plan for your Garden Transformation
3. Identify the Type of Turf Grass in Your Yard
4. Remove Grass Without Chemicals
5. Building Healthy Living Soil
6. Select Climate-appropriate Plants that Minimize Water and Maximize Beauty and Biodiversity
7. Implement a Maintenance Schedule that Keeps Your Yard Gorgeous All Year 'round

Part 3

Garden Design Workshop

You know what you want, but aren't sure how to design it. This workshop helps you develop a plant list and lay out your garden.

In this workshop you will learn how to:

1. Calculate How Much Rainwater your Roof Generates
2. Plan for Holding Rainwater in your Garden
3. Select Climate-appropriate Plants for Form and Function
4. Group Plants by Hydrozone on a Plan

REGISTER

Various dates all
summer long!