



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting of the South Pasadena Natural Resources and Environmental Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Ella Hushagen on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Vice Chair	Ella Hushagen
Commissioner	Casey Law
Commissioner	Richard Tom
Commissioner	Michelle Hammond
Commissioner	Amy Davis Jones

ABSENT

Chair	Michael Siegel
Commissioner	Rona Bortz

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Arpy Kasparian, Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager and Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag Salute was led by Vice Chair Ella Hushagen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

No Public Comment in-person, via zoom, or submitted prior to the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS**2. CITY OF LOS ANGELES: ZERO WASTE ORDINANCE - Jennifer Pinkerton**

Jennifer Pinkerton shared a presentation discussing steps the City of Los Angeles has taken to reduce the use of single-use plastics and various wastes, touching on policies, ordinances, and programs in place.

DISCUSSION**3. REVIEW OF BICYCLE MASTER PLAN AND BICYCLE CODE DISCUSSION**

Ted Gerber, Public Works Director, presented an overview of the previously adopted 2011 Bicycle Master Plan for the City. He discussed the existing Bicycle Code for South Pasadena as well as implementation and design guidelines.

Staff responded to questions raised by the Commissioners regarding the Bicycle Master Plan.

In-Person Public Comment:

Tucker Nelson expressed concerns and recommendations for this item.

Zoom Public Comment:

None.

ACTION**4. Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2023, NREC Meeting****Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Commission review and consider approval of the October 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Tom, seconded by Vice Chair Hushagen and approved by roll call vote to approve the October 26, NREC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Hammond, Hushagen, Law, Tom, Jones.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Siegel, Bortz

ABSTAINED: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Cacciotti discussed ongoing electrification projects outside of the city, including a collaboration with AGZA. He also shared updates with the Commission from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, South Coast AQMD, and LA Metro Gold Line.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Hammond promoted a free Metrolink program for students. She also recommended viewers take advantage of using public transportation like the Metro.

Commissioner Jones shared her concerns regarding the City's tree canopy and tree replacements.

Commissioner Law echoed the comments from Commissioner Jones.

Vice Chair Hushagen had no comments.

Commissioner Tom had no comments.

7. STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager, Arpy Kasparian, promoted the State of the City event taking place on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, and thanked the Commissioners for their past year of service.

8. UPCOMING EVENTS

- State of the City – 12/5/23, 6pm, Senior Center
- 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

There being no further matters, Vice Chair Hushagen adjourned the meeting of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission at 8:40 P.M. to the next Regular Commission meeting scheduled for January 23, 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

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Arpy Kasparian

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Arpy Kasparian
Staff Liaison, Environmental Services &
Sustainability Manager

APPROVED:

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Michael Siegel

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Michael Siegel
Chair

Approved at Commission: January 23, 2024