

**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.

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Madeline Di Giorgi
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Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair