



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

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

January 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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THE PUBLIC**

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Natural Resources and Environmental Commission
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PUBLIC COMMENT

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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, Casey Law, Michelle Hammond, Stephen Leider; Vice Chair Rona Bortz; and Chair Madeline C. Di Giorgi.

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Mayor Diana Mahmud

STAFF PRESENT:

Garrett Crawford, Acting-Deputy Public Works Director
Anteneh Tesfaye, Acting-Deputy Public Works Director
Reyna Salazar-Martin, Public Works Management Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Madeline C. Di Giorgi

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Public Comment

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Tree Removal Hearing: 706 Magnolia

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance

4. Virtual Earth Day

ACTION ITEMS

5. NREC 2021 Work Plan Approval

6. NREC 2020 Annual Report Approval

7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

8. Approval of Minutes- Meeting of November 24, 2020

COMMUNICATIONS

9. City Council Liaison Communications

10. Commissioner Communications

11. Staff Liaison Communications

12. Upcoming Events

- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars – Various dates
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- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars – Various dates
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ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE NREC MEETINGS

February 23, 2021	Virtual Zoom	7:00pm
March 23, 2021	Virtual 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.

1/14/2021

Date

Reyna Salazar-Martin

Public Works Management Assistant

ITEM 2

Tree Hearing-706 Magnolia Street

Appeal of Permit Denial for Tree Removal



Natural Resources & Environmental Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 2

DATE: January 26, 2021

FROM: Garrett Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Works Director

SUBJECT: **Appeal of Permit Denial for Tree Removal at 706
Magnolia Street.**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) upholds the denial of the tree removal.

Background

Mr. Searight has applied for a Private Property Tree Removal application to remove a Pine tree at 706 Magnolia street. On December 17th, 2020, the application was denied after the City Arborist inspected the tree and assessed that it was healthy. Staff then visited the site after receiving the appeal and supported the City Arborists initial assessment.

Discussion/Analysis

On January 12 2021, I Garrett Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Works Director and Certified Arborist, visited the subject location and evaluated the Aleppo Pine, and confirmed the findings of the City's Arborist that the tree does not pose an immediate hazard and therefore should not be removed at this time. However, the tree should be pruned with weight reduction in mind. The City will authorize a tree-trimming permit.

Fiscal Impact

The applicant has paid the initial tree removal inspection fee and if the NREC approves the removal of the subject tree; the applicant will pay the permit fee of \$317.

Environmental Analysis

This item is exempt from any California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis.

Public Notification of Agenda Item

The public was made aware that this item was to be considered this evening by virtue of its inclusion on the legally publicly noticed agenda, posting of the same agenda, and reports on the City's website and/or notice in the *South Pasadena Review* and/or the *Pasadena Star-News*.

Attachments

1. Letter of appeal
2. Photographs of the subject tree.

ATTACHMENT
Appeal Letters

December 28, 2020

Ms. Arpy Kasparian, Staff Liaison
Natural Resources and Environmental Commission ("NRAC")
City of South Pasadena
1414 Mission Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030

Ms. Kasparian:

This is an appeal from the denial of a permit to remove a large Aleppo pine tree from our residential property at 704/706 Magnolia Street, South Pasadena. Enclosed is paperwork that was originally submitted to the City requesting the issuance of a permit. Please forward these materials to the NRAC members.

As of this date, I have not received anything in writing stating that the permit was denied. However, on December 23, 2020, I called the Public Works Department and was informed orally that the permit was denied on or about December 17, 2020. I requested that the denial be emailed to me but I have not received anything. My understanding is that I have 14 days from the denial of the permit to present this appeal.

In my telephone conversation, I was informed that a City arborist examined the tree and found it to be healthy, and although it was leaning as depicted in the enclosed photos, the arborist believed that the upper areas of the tree were balancing the southward lean.

Although I greatly support the mission of the City sustaining South Pasadena's reputation as the "City of Trees," I continue to believe that the tree is a hazard to homes, persons, and property within the reach of the tree were it to come down. As stated in the application, I am aware that the tree is healthy, but I believe the risks are too great for it to remain, and that it cannot be trimmed in a manner that will sufficiently reduce that risk. I would invite any members of the NRAC to visit the property. I am certain after looking at the tree for a few moments you would reach the immediate conclusion that the tree should be removed. I suspect that property owners -- who may be subject to liability from a fallen tree -- weigh and evaluate risk considerably differently than does an arborist.

I am, of course, very happy to pay for any and all replacement trees as directed.

Thank you to the NRAC members and City staff for your consideration of this appeal.

Timothy J. Searight
706 Magnolia Street
(213) 700-3715

Proposed Removal of large Aleppo Pine

704/706 Magnolia Street, South Pasadena

This is a request to remove a large Aleppo pine at a duplex property at 704/706 Magnolia Street, a residential area in northwest South Pasadena. The tree is estimated at 80 years old and has a base diameter of approximately 40 inches. The tree is located at the property line of 704 Magnolia and 700 Magnolia Street.

The request to remove is based on private and public safety concerns. The tree, which is situated approximately 12 feet from the public sidewalk and street, leans heavily south and towards the street. There is a large branch approximately 10 feet from the ground that leans towards and touches utility lines. The tree has likely come into this leaning posture as a result of annual exposure to south prevailing Santa Ana winds over the life of the tree. **(Photos of the tree are below.)**

If the tree was to come down flat or nearly flat, the upper branches of the tree would bring down the power and utility lines and possibly impact the roof and residence across the street at 700 Adelaine Street. If winds caused the tree to be uprooted, such that a dirt and root ball was lifted out of the ground (the more likely scenario), in addition to taking down the electrical and utility lines, it would also break gas and sewage lines buried approximately 10 feet from the tree, and break-up an adjacent driveway at 700 Magnolia Street.

The tree has twice been inspected by arborists, who have stated that the tree is healthy. The heavy lower branch, however, cannot be removed without further destabilizing the tree. Utility companies will not trim the tree at the utility lines because of the weight of the heavy branch and the impact on the stability of the tree.



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The large branch near the ground leans on utility lines but cannot be removed without destabilizing the tree. (View east)



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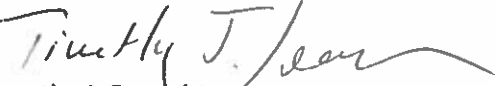
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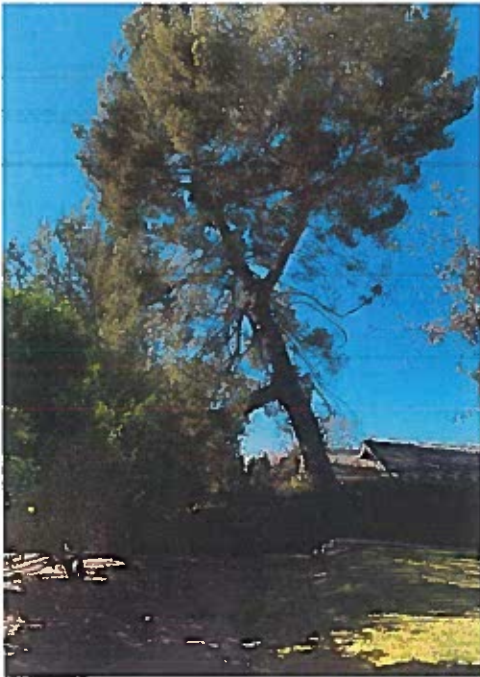
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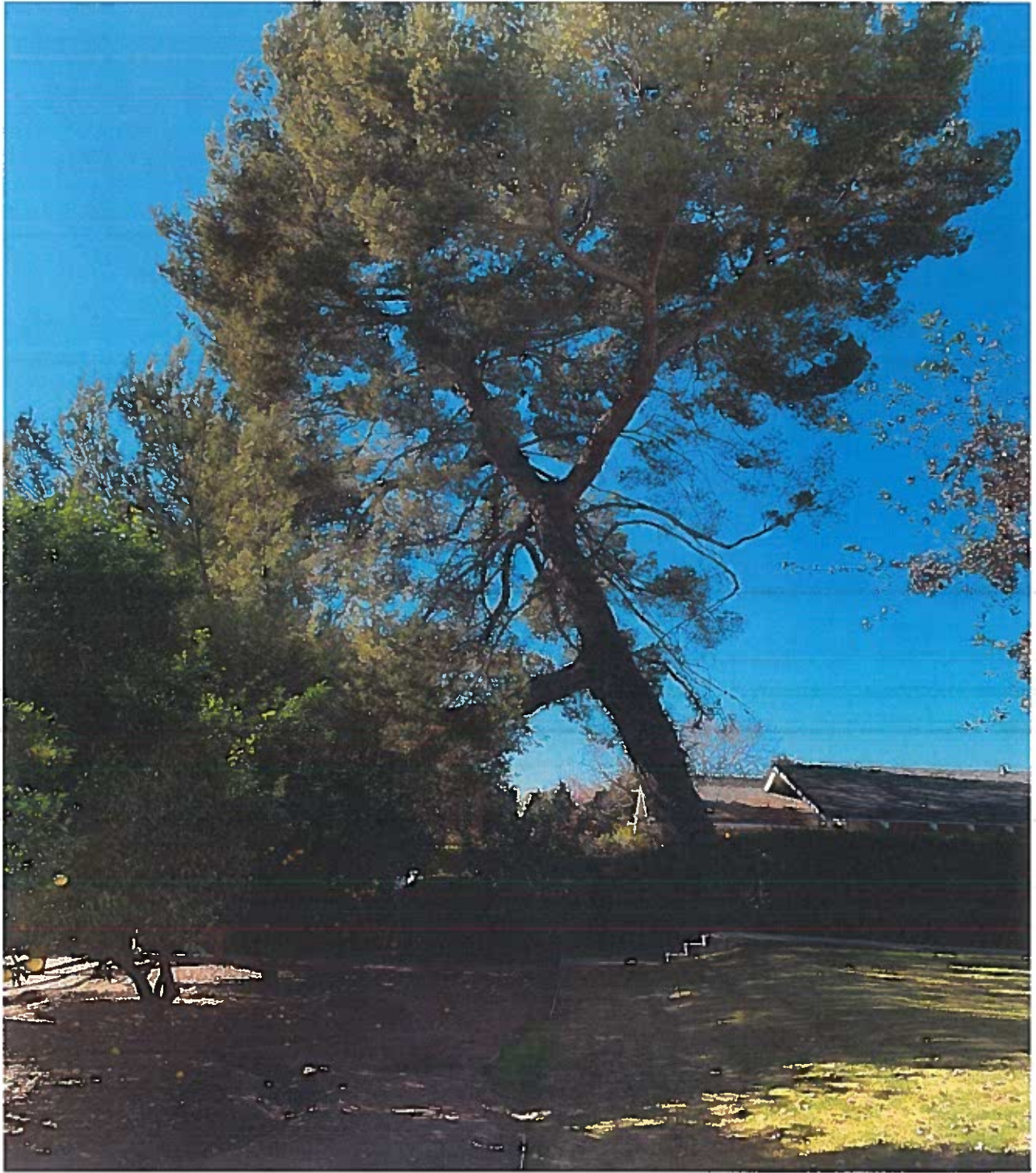
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Staff Photos









ITEM 3

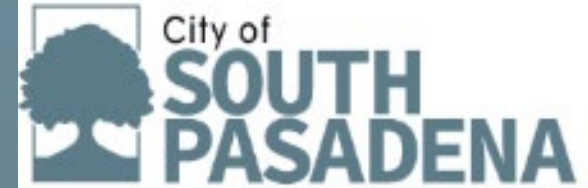
Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance

ITEM 5

NREC 2021 Work Plan Approval

Natural Resources & Environmental Commission

2021 Work Plan



Objective	Tasks and Activities	Lead Person(s)	Timeline	Desired Outcome
	Action: Approve 2021 NREC Work Plan	Staff Liaison	January 26	Final 2021 NREC Work Plan
	Discussion: Review Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy (Move III; AB1826; SB1383)	Staff Liaison; Finance Department		Review Template Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy and Provide Feedback
	Action: Election of Chair and Vice Chair	Staff Liaison		Commission will appoint Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2021
	Discussion/Action: Virtual Earth Day	Staff Liaison		Create Virtual Earth Day Subcommittee and Discuss Ideas
	Discussion: Second Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy (Move III; AB1826; SB1383)	Staff Liaison; Finance Department	February 23	Review Updated Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy and Provide Feedback
	Discussion: Virtual Earth Day	Staff Liaison		Discuss Earth Day Ideas
	Action: Provide input on the proposed FY 21/22 Water Conservation Program (Goal II) (Goes to Council in April)	Staff Liaison	March 23	Input on Proposed Water Conservation Program
	Discussion: Third Review of Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy (Move III; AB1826; SB1383)	Staff Liaison; Finance Department		Review Updated Ordinance and Provide Feedback
	Discussion: Virtual Earth Day	Staff Liaison		Finalize Virtual Earth Day Event
	Action: Recommend to adopt Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy (Move III; AB1826; SB1383)	Staff Liaison; Finance Department	April 27	Provide Recommendation to Council on Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance
	Update: Green Plan Progress Report	Staff Liaison		Update NREC on the progress of the FY20/21 Q3 moves

	Discussion: Review Current Parking Lot Codes and Provide Recommendations (Move IV.1.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department	May 25	Determine if Parking Lot Codes Need to be Updated and How
Objective	Tasks and Activities	Lead Person(s)	Timeline	Desired Outcome
	Discussion: Second Review of Current Parking Lot Codes and Provide Recommendations (Move IV.1.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department	June 22	Review Updated Code and Provide Feedback
	Update: Climate Action Plan Progress Report	Staff Liaison		Update NREC on the progress of the CAP plays/moves
	Discussion: Recommend to adopt Updated Parking Lot Codes (Move IV.1.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department	July 27	Provide Recommendation to Council on Updated Parking Lot Codes
	Update: Green Plan Progress Report	Staff Liaison		Update NREC on the progress of the FY20/21 Q4 moves
	Discussion: Review Current Cool Roof Codes and Provide Recommendations (Move IV.2.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department	August 24	Determine if Cool Roof Codes Need to be Updated and How
	Discussion: Second Review of Current Cool Roof Codes and Provide Recommendations (Move IV.2.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department	September 28	Review Updated Code and Provide Feedback
	Update: Green Plan Progress Report	Staff Liaison	October 26	Update NREC on the progress of the FY20/21 Q1 moves
	Discussion: Recommend to adopt Updated Cool Roof Codes (Move IV.1.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department		Provide Recommendation to Council on Updated Cool Roof Codes
	Update: Climate Action Plan Progress Report	Staff Liaison	November 23	Update NREC on the progress of the CAP plays/moves
	Discussion: Develop a plastic-free/zero-waste guide for City events			Create Zero-Waste Guide
	-	-	December 28 *Cancelled	-
	Tree Removal Hearings	Staff Liaison	As-Needed	Approve/Deny tree removal requests

ITEM 6

NREC 2020 Annual Report Approval

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2020**

**NATURAL
RESOURCES &
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION**



A Message from the Commission Chair

I am pleased to present the South Pasadena Natural Resources and Environmental Commission Annual Report for 2019. I hope you will find the report informative as you take a look at the accomplishments of the commission and our ongoing efforts to keep our community healthy and sustainable. We are committed to meet the challenges and concerns of our changing environment, and will continue working collaboratively with all our residents to update and improve green initiatives. I appreciate your support in the community, and would like to thank our City Council and City Manager for their leadership. I am honored to have served as Chair for this commission, and for the privilege to work with such dedicated individuals as those on the NREC. We will continue to serve our community to the best of our ability by improving our quality of life and building a future we can all be proud of!

Sincerely,

Madeline C. Di Giorgi
Natural Resources and Environmental Commission, Chair

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) is a seven member body that is advisory to the City Council in all matters pertaining to energy, science and technology, and natural resources and the environment. The NREC assists the City in the planning, programming, use, and conservation of energy and natural resources, as well as administers the City's tree ordinance. Qualifications for serving on the commission consist of being a resident elector (registered voter) of the city. Members are appointed to a three-year term, with a maximum length of service of two full consecutive terms, plus one partial term (if applicable).

Natural Resources & Environmental Commission (NREC)

Madeline C. Di Giorgi	Commission Chair
Rona Bortz	Commission Vice-Chair
Amy Davis Jones	Commission Secretary
Casey Law	Commissioner
William J. Kelly	Commissioner
Stephen Leider	Commissioner
Lauren Myles	Commissioner
Diana Mahmud, Mayor Pro- Tem &	City Council Liaisons
Dr. Marina Khubesrian, City Council Member	
Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation & Sustainability Analyst	Staff Liaison

NREC meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Meetings are held at the City Council Chamber: 1424 Mission Street. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, the Commission meetings have been held in virtual mode since March 2020.

2020 Accomplishments

Adoption of the South Pasadena Climate Action Plan

Sustainability is an important aspect in the City of South Pasadena's way of life as exemplified by the City's participation in the Clean Power Alliance, the adoption of the expanded polystyrene ban ordinance, and the adoption of the South Pasadena Green Action Plan. To further strengthen the City's commitment to sustainability, City staff and Rincon Consultants, Inc. have created the City's first Climate Action Plan (CAP).

The creation of the CAP was a collaborative effort between City staff, NREC, and South Pasadena residents and businesses. This plan reviews the City's baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, sets emissions reduction targets, lists specific Plays (strategies) and Moves (actions) for reaching the targets, suggests a funding strategy, and introduces an implementation monitoring mechanism.

Updated Current Tree Ordinance

Per the 2019 adopted Green Action Plan, the NREC reviewed and provided a recommendation for the amendments to Chapter 34 (Trees and Shrubs) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code. These amendments aim to strengthen the Code to reflect the City’s goal of protecting and maintaining a healthy tree canopy. The Commission recommended the following changes:

1. Implement harsher penalties for developers
2. Update definitions for “protected shrubs” and “shrubs”
3. Provide leniency in permit fees for residents experiencing financial hardships
4. Include a classification of trees to more clearly define a scale of fines/fees depending on the type of tree that was illegally/legally removed

Based on NREC recommendation, City staff has updated the Tree Code with the suggested amendments where feasible.

Updated Heat-Tolerant Trees List

Per the 2020 Work Plan, the NREC reviewed and provided an approval of updated heat-tolerant trees list. The NREC teamed up with the City staff in evaluating the list of trees as well as the descriptions on the list. These updates aim to strengthen the Tree Code to reflect the City’s goal of protecting and maintaining a healthy tree canopy.

2020 Tree Removal Hearings

NO.	ADDRESS	MEETING DATE	MEETING NOTES
1	625 Fair Oaks Avenue	January 28, 2020	A request to remove 17 protected trees for a proposed Senior Housing Development. The applicant was approved with conditions to plant additional shade trees on the parkway.
2	1030 Brent Avenue	November 24, 2020	The applicant has admitted to an unpermitted removal of one multi-trunk Olive tree on his property. The tree removal permit was approved with \$758 in penalties and a condition to plant three additional trees on his property.

ITEM 8

Approval of Minutes – November 24, 2020

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – November 24, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Bill Kelly, Vice Chair Rona Bortz, Commissioner Cassey Law, Chair Madeline Di Giorgi, and Mayor Diana Mahmud. Staff present: Julian Lee, Deputy Public Works Director; Garret Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Work Director; and Reyna Salazar-Martin, Public Works Management Assistant.

Excused Absences: Commissioner Amy Jones, Commissioner Stephen Leider, and Commissioner Lauren Myles.

1) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS:

2) Tree Removal Hearing: 1030 Brent Avenue

Staff G. Crawford presented Tree Hearing Item. Residents of 1030 Brent Avenue Mr. & Mrs. Roybal were present to make their statement. There were no objections by residents for the Hearing, and accepted Staff Report as presented with the correction of the species of tree that was replanted. Staff made note of that change. No public comment for this item. Commission moves to make a recommendation to approve report as amended.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KELLY, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR BORTZ, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0 TO APPROVE

3) Approval of Minutes – Meeting of October 27, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KELLY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAW, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0 TO APPROVE MINUTES

4) Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance

Staff J. Lee presented Item. Commissioners and Mayor provided feedback and concerns. Staff is taking all comments into consideration for future presentation of this Item. Ordinance is scheduled to be on Agenda for the January 26, 2021 Meeting for review.

5) Draft NREC 2021 Work Plan

Staff J. Lee presented item. No comments from Commission. One addition to January will be added; Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. NREC 2021 Work Plan will be on the January 26, 2021 Agenda for final approval.

6) Draft NREC 2020 Annual Report

Staff J. Lee presented Item. No comments from Commission. Staff asks should Commission have any additions to existing Annual Report, to email Staff and Chair so it can be added for final review and approval. NREC 2020 Annual Report will be on the January 26, 2021 Agenda for final approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7) City Council Liaison Communications

Mayor Mahmud wanted to take this time welcome new Commission Law and provide Comments/Updates on the following: Clean Action Plan item for City Council Agenda along with her recommendations, adding Dr. Marina Khubesrian to NREC 2020 Annual Report, and encourage Commission to exercise their right to request special meeting in the future if needed.

8) Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Kelly wished everyone a happy holiday and welcomed Commissioner Law, Commissioner Law thanked the Commission for having him on the board and is looking forward to working with everyone, Chair Di Giorgi welcomes Commissioner Law and asks Commissioners for their availability for December 22, 2020 meeting.

9) Staff Liaison Communications

J. Lee took this time to recognize Public Works Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst Arpy Kasparian.

10) 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:

Chair Madeline Di Giorgi adjourned the meeting at 8:40p.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 December 22, 2020.

Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair

ITEM 12

Upcoming Events

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

Various dates
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January 2021!