

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES – May 14, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:01p.m. Present were: Amy Jones, Bill Kelly, Stephen Leider, Rona Bortz, Madeline Di Giorgi and Councilmember Dr. Marina Khubesrian. Lauren Myles had an excused absence. Cynthia Liu arrived to the meeting at 5:48pm. Staff present: Julian Lee, Deputy Public Works Director; Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation & Sustainability Analyst; Stephanie DeWolfe, City Manager; and Karen Aceves, Finance Director.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) Budget Presentation by City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe and Finance Director Karen Aceves
Finance Director, Karen Aceves, and City Manager, Stephanie DeWolfe, presented on the City's budget and revenue loss due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 2) Review of Revised NREC Work Plan
Kasparian reviewed the changes to the work plan including the addition of developing a mandatory organics recycling ordinance, the cancellation of Earth Day activities, the reorganization of the timeline, and the shift of certain items to the next calendar year. The commission discussed the changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

ACTION ITEMS:

- 3) Approval of Minutes – Meeting of January 28, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

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

- 4) Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Water Conservation Rebate Program
Kasparian presented the proposed water conservation rebate program and explained the cause of low expenditures. The commission discussed new ideas on how to promote the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KELLY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LEIDER, CARRIED 6-0 to recommend approval of the proposed FY 20-21 Water Conservation Rebate Program.

COMMUNICATIONS:

5) City Council Liaison Communications

Councilmember Khubesrian expressed her support for keeping the water conservation program the same for the new fiscal year while working on new ways to promote the program. She gave the commission an update on mobility and safer streets solutions the Council and City staff are working on including a grant from SCAG for such solutions.

6) Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Jones encouraged more water refill stations to be installed in the public. Commissioner Kelly urged the City to seek the additional revenue needed to ensure the environmental plans move forward. Commissioner Leider had no comments. Commissioner Liu had no comments. Vice Chair Bortz provided an update on a greywater rebate program. Chair Di Giorgi provided an update on Transition South Pasadena's virtual gardening workshop.

7) Staff Liaison Communications

Kasparian announced the upcoming virtual Climate Action Plan meeting.

8) Upcoming Events

- Virtual Climate Action Plan Public Meeting – 5/28/20 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Di Giorgi adjourned the meeting at 6:39p.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 May 26, 2020.


Madeline DiGiorgi, Chair