



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

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Chair Siegel on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 7:02 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Commissioner	Rona Bortz
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**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Arpy Kasparian, Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager and Melanis Stepanian, Management 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 Chair Michael Siegel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION****2. BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION REACH CODES (CAP, E.2e)**

Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager, Arpy Kasparian, shared an update on the progress on the Building Electrification codes, per the City's Climate Action Plan.

**ACTION****3. Approval of Minutes of August 22, 2023 NREC Meeting****Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Commission review and consider approval of the August 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

**COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Tom, seconded by Commissioner Law and approved by roll call vote to approve the August 22, 2023 NREC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 5-1-1, by the following vote:**

**AYES:** Siegel, Hammond, Hushagen, Law, Tom.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Bortz

**ABSTAINED:** Jones.

**COMMUNICATIONS****4. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS**

No comments

**5. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Law shared information about an EPA grant for reducing carbon emissions. Chair Siegel had no comments. Vice Chair Hushagen had no comments. Commissioner Hammond shared information about a community input event for the Huntington/Fremont project and encouraged all to participate. Commissioner Jones gave an update on the Plastics Subcommittee and requested an agenda discussion.

**6. STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS**

Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager, Arpy Kasparian, shared updates on the All Trees Event held in the Library Community Room. The Upper District has a new series of landscaping workshops coming up in the fall. The City is requesting the community's input on the City's Strategic Planning survey, via email. All of the information can be found on the City website. There will be a Strategic Planning Session on October 12, at 5:30 pm, in the Council Chambers, a virtual session at 7:30 pm, and an in-person session on October 13, at 8:30am at the War Memorial Building. At the last City Council meeting, the water conservation project was approved.

Ted Gerber, Public Works Director shared that the City is hosting the charrettes on Thursday, September 28, at 6:00 pm at the Community Library. The consultants will be presenting at the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on October 17 at 6:30 p.m. The Arroyo Fest will be on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00am to 2:00pm.

## 7. 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  
(<https://greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation/>)

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Siegel adjourned the meeting of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission at 7:48pm to the next Regular Commission meeting scheduled for October 24, 2023.

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: October 24, 2023*