

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES – April 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Bill Kelly, Commissioner Michelle Hammond, Commissioner Casey Law, Commissioner Michael Siegel, Vice Chair Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair Amy Jones, and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti. Commissioner Rona Bortz had an excused absence. Staff present: Anteneh Tesfaye, Acting Deputy Public Works Director; Garret Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Work Director; Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst, and Reyna Salazar-Martin, Public Works Management Assistant.

1) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2) Tree Removal Hearing: 23 Short Way

Staff G. Crawford presented the Tree Hearing Item. The applicant was present and made a statement. The commission discussed with the applicant the reasons for the removal and clarified the procedures of issuing the tree removal permit. Crawford clarified that the applicant did have enough required replacement trees. Commission moves to make a recommendation to approve the removal of 3 non-native trees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAW, MOTION CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE, VICE CHAIR DI GIORGI ABSTAINED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

3) City Council Liaison Communications

No communications.

4) Commissioner Communications

No communications.

5) Staff Liaison Communications

No communications.


6) Upcoming Events

- FREE Household Hazardous and E-Waste Collection Event – May 29 (San Gabriel)
- 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 Amy Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.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 25, 2021.

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Amy Jones, Chair