

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES – April 25, 2017**

Roll Call – The meeting was informally called to order at 7:05 p.m., and with no quorum present, only non-actionable items were heard. Present were Commissioners: Chair William Kelly, Vice-Chair Al Benzoni, and Daniel Snowden-Ifft. Also present were, Council Liaison Dr. Schneider and Staff Liaison Jenna Shimmin. Absent were Commissioners Kay Findley, Stephen Leider, Noah Puni, and Nancy Wilms, as well as Student Commissioner Hailey Bugg.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. **Water Conservation Programs and Drought Update (Shimmin)** – There was a 28% reduction for March 2017 versus the same month in 2013. This gives the City an accumulative reduction of 27.2% since June of 2015. Recently Upper District gave an update on the key well, and it found that while this rainy season was helpful, the basin is operating just within its safe yield. The basin will need 3-4 more years of the same rainfall to fully recover from the drought.

INFORMATION ONLY

6. **Update on Renewable Energy Request for Proposals (Shimmin)** – Jenna Shimmin advised the commissioners that the renewable energy request for proposals period has closed, and that 4 proposals were received from Climatec, Opterra, Siemens and Ameresco.
7. **Urban Forest Update** – Kristine Courdy provided an update that trimming is near completion in the following grids: Grid 9 (90% complete) south east side of City, War Memorial Park (70% complete), and has been completed in Grid 8B, eastern side of the City, and the area of Arroyo Park and Arroyo Drive.
Removals and replacements have been ongoing throughout the City. To date 150 trees have been planted. Of these 150 trees, South Pasadena Beautiful was able to donate 60 through a tree planting drive held over the last few months.
8. **Upcoming Events** –General Plan Charrette – April 24th-28th, Prescription Drug Drop off at SPPD – April 29th, South Pasadena Garden Tour - April 30th, and Water 101 at Upper District – May 16th.

Adjournment – The informal meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission will be held on May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



William Kelly, Chair