

**CITY OF
SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES – May 22, 2018**

Roll Call – The meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were: Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Benzoni, Commissioner Findley, and Commissioner Wilms. Absent were Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Puni. Commissioner Lieder had an excused absence. Staff present: Rafael Casillas, Acting Public Works Director.

Minutes for February 27, 2018 and April 24, 2018 – Minutes approved as amended. (Findley, Benzoni; 4-0)

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Selection of Officers for 2018** – A motion was made to waive the requirement of selecting new officers and extend the current terms until the end of the year. (Findley, Wilms; 4-0)
2. **Tree planting plan for 1327 Indiana Avenue** – A motion was made to receive and file this item. (Benzoni, Findley; 4-0)
3. **Tree Removal Hearing – 1701-1703 Hill Drive** – A motion was made to approve the removal of tree No. 1 no permit required, tree No. 2 need clarity and tree no. 3 approved for removal. This item will be brought back to the Commission with a replacement plan. (Benzoni, Wilms; 4-0)
4. **Tree Removal Ordinance** – Discussion ensued regarding existing edits, additional edits, timetable for the final tree ordinance and the Planning process.
5. **Discussion of Commission’s goals for the year ahead (Kelly)** – Item deferred.
6. **Water Conservation Programs and Drought Update (Casillas)** – City had a total water use reduction of 23% for April 2018.

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

7. **Urban Forest Update (Casillas)** – Grid Pruning- 784; Washingtonia Palm trimmed – 211; C.I. Date Palms trimmed - 22
8. **Recent Events** – Household Hazardous Waste Event (Maywood 5/26/18)

Chair Communications – Chair Kelly commented on a DWP meeting regarding neighborhoods without trees and the difference in temperature and it results in increases of electricity, depression and crime. Chair Kelly was initially concerned about the discolored water issue, however after reading the staff report on the May 16 City Council Agenda, he has a better understanding of the situation and hoped the City was getting the information out to those affected.

Commission Communications

Commissioner Wilms commented on the discolored water issue and she stated she notified the City. She reviewed the February Minutes and recalled three action items 1) cool roofs; 2) trees on Hanscom and recommendation from the Commission to have the City to investigate. Mr. Casillias reported that staff investigated and no evidence of drilling, 3) gray water. Mr. Casillas responded that he received some information and would get that back on the agenda.

Staff Liaison Communications

No Comments.

Council Liaison Communications

Council Liaison Schneider apologized for being late due to a conflicting Finance Committee meeting and he will be out of town for the June meeting.

Adjournment – Commissioner Benzoni motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., Commissioner Wilms seconded. Ayes: All, Nays: None.

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 June 26, 2018.



William Kelly, Chair