

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES – November 13, 2018**

- 1) **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Present were: Commissioner Findley, Chair Kelly, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Benzoni (provided advance notice that he would be leaving the meeting at 8:45 pm), and Commissioner Wilms. Commissioner Leider had an excused absence. Council Liaison Dr. Schneider was present. Staff present: Kristine Courdy, Public Works Operations Manager and David Niznik, Parks Supervisor.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes – Meeting of October 23, 2018**
The October 23, 2018 minutes were approved (Findley, Benzoni, unanimous).

- 3) **Public Comment**
None

- 4) **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - A. Partners in Community Forestry Conference Presentation: Parks Supervisor, David Niznik, provided an overview of the Partners in Community Forestry Conference that he attended on behalf of the City on November 7 and 8, 2018. David answered questions of the Commission and no action was taken.

 - B. Overview of Current Weed Control Practices Citywide: Parks Supervisor, David Niznik, presented an update on the overview of current weed control practices citywide. David answered questions of the Commission. The Commission noted that after being provided information on the quantities and dilution rates, that no further action is required as work is done in conformance with State and County standards and products are not being used in turf and heavily used areas

 - C. Tree Ordinance Update: Kristine Courdy, Public Operations Manager, presented an update on the overview of the tree ordinance and answered questions of the Commission.

A motion was made to recommend that the City Council approve the tree ordinance with the suggested revisions (Benzoni, Kelly; unanimous).

Al Benzoni provided advance notice that he would need to leave the meeting by 8:45 p.m. and left at 8:38 p.m. after the Tree Ordinance discussion.

 - D. NREC Annual Report and Accomplishments: A draft of the NREC Commission Annual Report was presented to the Commission. The Chair answered questions and the following changes were requested: adding the Round-up discussion from tonight's meeting and revisions on the grey water ordinance.

A motion was made to recommend that the revised annual report be submitted to the City Clerk's office (Wilms, Findley; unanimous).

E. NREC Transition Plan: Staff provided an overview of the 2018 NREC Initiative Tracking Log. Commissioner Wilms noted that the Golf Subcommittee and Stables Subcommittee require a NREC Commissioner to be on them and discussed that replacement members would need to be appointed to those Subcommittees. No further action was taken.

- 5) **Council Liaison Comments:** Council Liaison thanked the outgoing commissioners and commented that the City will be planting a tree for the outgoing mayor.
- 6) **Staff Liaison Comments:** Thanked the outgoing commissioners and updated the commission on staff liaison for the commission.
- 7) **Commission Comments:** Nancy Wilms requested a status update on the illegal tree removal on Alta Vista.
- 8) **Upcoming Events** – HHW Collection Event – 11/17/18 (Monterey Park)

Adjournment – Commissioner Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m., Commissioner Wilms seconded (unanimous).

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 January 22, 2019.



William J. Kelly, Chair