

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES – February 26, 2019**

- 1) **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was held in the City Manager’s Conference Room and called to order at 7:04 pm. Introductions of new Commissioners. Present were: Lauren Myles, Bill Kelly, Madeline Di Giorgi, Rona Bortz, Commissioner Jones and Cynthia Liu. Commissioner Leider was absent. Council Liaison Dr. Marina Khubesrian was present. Staff present: Leaonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant.
- 2) **Self-Introductions of New and Returning Commissioners** – Introduction of Commissioners.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes – Meeting of January 22, 2019**
Minutes approved as submitted. (Rona, Liu; unanimous)
- 4) **Public Comment**
Linda McDermott had concerns about the removal of trees at Mockingbird Lane and Cedarcrest Avenue. Mayor Khubesrian provided an overview on the process the project has gone through to receive the City’s approval and that at this point from the City’s perspective nothing could be done.
- 5) **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - A. Tree Removal Hearings – 2060 Primrose Avenue - Mr. Vong presented additional information regarding the additional testing done and to limit the dust.
A motion was made to deny the removal of the two trees. (DiGiorgi, Jones; unanimous)
 - B. NREC Work Plan – Dan Ojeda presented a brief overview of the item and requested approval from the Commission. Mayor Khubesrian discussed the process and the idea of the Work Plan.
A motion was made to approve the Work Plan. (Myles, Kelly; unanimous)
- 6) **Council Liaison Comments:** Mayor Khubesrian announced the upcoming Commissioners Congress on Thursday, February 28, 2019. She announced that the Vector Control has an educational program and will be speaking with the schools.
- 7) **Staff Liaison Comments:** Announced the Brown Act Training will be on March 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm and a Special NREC meeting right after. The City website has information regarding the Vector Control and there are brochures at the Public Works office.
- 8) **Commission Comments:** Commissioner Kelly shared information regarding a meeting he attended about grants from Cal Fire for fire prevention. He shared that Southern California Edison (Edison) will be topping trees to meet clearance. Discussion ensued regarding the trimming of trees by Edison and the Commission requested that staff to prepare a staff report to submit public comment to the Public Utilities Commission for the next Council agenda.

Commission Liu suggested more community outreach and education. She suggested the updated tree ordinance would be a good opportunity.

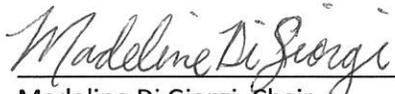
Commissioner Liu also suggested a welcome package to new South Pasadena residents. Chair Di Giorgi attended the Eco fest at the LA Historic State Park. The free event focused on nature and many organizations were in attendance.

Mayor Khubesrian suggested adding to the work plan ways to outreach.

9) Upcoming Events – HHW Collection Event – 03/09/19 (City of San Gabriel)

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:42 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 March 26, 2019.



Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair