

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

- 1) **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm. Introductions of new Commissioners. Present were: Lauren Myles, Bill Kelly, Madeline Di Giorgi, Rona Bortz, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Liu and Commissioner Leider. Council Liaison Dr. Marina Khubesrian was present. Staff present: Daniel Ojeda, P.E., Interim Director of Public Works and Leaonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes – Meeting of February 26, 2019**  
Minutes approved with minor corrections. (Myles, Leider; unanimous)
- 3) **Public Comment**  
No Comment.
- 4) **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - A. Tree Removal Hearings – 1921 Illinois Drive – The applicant presented additional information regarding the tree removal.
    - A. A motion was made to deny the removal of the two trees. (Kelly, Bortz, Di Giorgi, Liu, Leider and Myles no; Jones abstain)
    - B. Discussion of Garden Tour with South Pasadena Beautiful – Chair announced the Garden Tour will be on Saturday, April 13 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. The Commission agreed to promote rebates and mosquitos.
    - C. Discussion of Earth Day Event – Discussion ensued about ideas for Earth Day. The Commission agreed to a Meatless Monday Challenge and suggested advertising the challenge in the E-Neighbors.
    - D. Discussion of Green initiatives Projects and Community Outreach – Chair discussed creating Subcommittees on specific subjects and a timeline of goals.
- 5) **Council Liaison Comments:** Mayor Khubesrian reported that the City Council is reviewing the Budget and a projected short fall of approximately \$1 million, due to city pensions and other liabilities. Staff is conducting an education campaign on the budget and presenting various ways to meet the shortfall. Staff has created a survey to assist the City with identifying the community's priorities and she requested the Commissioners to complete the survey. Mayor Khubesrian announced the upcoming Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 20, 2019. She announced that the Vector Control has an educational program and will be speaking with the schools.
- 6) **Staff Liaison Comments:** Staff inquired if anyone would like to accept the Earth Day Proclamation on behalf of the City, and Chair Di Giorgi will accept the proclamation.
- 7) **Commission Comments:** Commissioner Lieder mentioned having a discussion regarding Roundup. Commissioner Bortz suggested having a discussion about the Athens Tour and spoke with Ed Chen, Athens representative, who expressed interest in coming to speak at one of the Commission meetings on composting.
- 8) **Upcoming Events – HHW Collection Event – 03/09/19 (City of San Gabriel)**

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m. (Kelly, Myles; 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 April 23, 2019.

  
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Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair