

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES – May 28, 2019**

1) Call to Order/Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Present were: William Kelly, Amy Jones, Stephen Leider and Rona Bortz. Madeline Di Giorgi, Cynthia Liu, and Lauren Myles had excused absences. Council Liaison Dr. Marina Khubesrian was present. Staff present: Kristine Courdy, P.E., Deputy Public Works Director and Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation & Sustainability Analyst.

2) Approval of Minutes – Meeting of April 23, 2019
Minutes approved. (Leider, Kelley; unanimous)

3) Public Comment

Amber Chen at 2029 Amherst Drive wanted to get more information about the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission and informed the Commission that a lot of High School students are interested in the environmental programs surrounding the City.

Reordering of the Agenda to hear Staff Liaison Comments

Kristine Courdy introduced herself and the Water Conservation & Sustainability Analyst, Arpy Kasparian. Arpy provided the Commission a brief background on her experience.

4) Discussion/Action Items:

A. Presentation on Ban Single-Use Plastics by Cheryl Auger – Committee Update: Anita Ghazarian and Cheryl Auger from Ban Single Use Plastic (SUP) Group, provided a brief update on their work to ban SUP at various public agencies. She discussed SB54, AB1080 and SUP bans enacted by City of Santa Monica and San Diego.

Juliana Fong resides at 1823 Milan Avenue. She spoke about plastic pollution problems and supports banning all plastic single use products.

Amber Chen resides at 2029 Amherst Drive. She supports recycling, SUP bans and feels that South Pasadena should be a leader in initiating change.

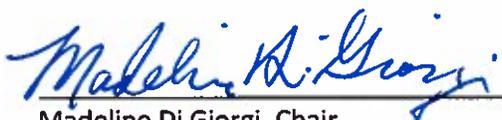
B. Community Outreach – Committee Update: Commissioner Bortz gave a brief overview of the outreach performed by the Committee and a discussion of community groups that can be engaged to support City environmental initiatives.

C. Waste Management – Committee Update: Commissioner Kelly discussed the goal of reducing the amount of waste and plastic and that Commission members recently toured Athens' facilities. Concerns were expressed over the distance to truck organics from South Pasadena to Victorville and that it was counterproductive to the goal of reducing greenhouse gas. The Commission noted that Commissioner Kelly would draft a proposed letter to Athens from the City of South Pasadena urging them to reduce the truck emissions associated with organic waste composting.

- D. **Water Conservation – Committee Update:** Commissioner Jones discussed the greywater initiatives including a special event. The Commission requested current City policies and what the plumbing code allows and how many permits have been issued for new construction and renovations. The Commission requested a status update on the aquifer.
- E. **Climate and Energy – Committee Update:** Commissioner Jones discussed reviewing the parking lot standards and recommended updates to the municipal code sections regarding the planting requirements for parking lots. The Commission requested information on enforcing the state’s cool roof policy (does it apply to reroofing projects) and does this fall under California Green Building Code.
- 5) **Council Liaison Comments:** Mayor Khubesrian discussed the great work of the Committees on the various initiatives. She provided a status update on the Water Conservation Capital Improvement Projects and an update on the City budget process.
- 6) **Staff Liaison Comments:** This item was moved after Public Comment.
- 7) **Commission Comments:** Commissioner Jones discussed a potential glyphosate ban. Commissioner Bortz discussed a community survey, the work regional groups are doing on environmental initiatives, and that the City website for environmental programs is in need of an update. Commissioner Kelly no comments. Commissioner Leider commented on glyphosate bans including recent lawsuits and thanked the audience and high school member’s support of these initiatives.
- 8) **Upcoming Events:** HHW Collection Event – 6/01/19 (City of Irwindale); South Pasadena Bites Back – 6/11/19 (Community Library).
- 9) **Urban Forest Update:** Kristine Courdy provided an updated on the 2018/19 Urban Forest Program and provided the Commission an update on the proposed Urban Forestry budget for the 2019/20 Fiscal Year.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. (Leider, Kelly; 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 June 25, 2019.


Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair