

**SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**  
**CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**  
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**REGULAR  
MEETING AGENDA**

October 20, 2015  
5:00 PM

Palm Springs City Hall  
Large Conference Room  
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92264



**COMMISSIONERS**

<b>Joe Jackson- Chair</b>	<b>Grant Wilson, Vice Chair</b>
<b>Travis Armstrong</b>	<b>Tara Lazar</b>
<b>Thom Bettinger</b>	<b>Nate Otto</b>
<b>Nancy Ferguson</b>	<b>Mark Polischak</b>
<b>David Freedman</b>	<b>Victor Yepello</b>

Staff representatives:    Michele Mician, Sustainability Manager  
Dan DeGarmo, Clerical Assistant  
Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator

*City of Palm Springs Vision Statement: Palm Springs aspires to be a unique world-class desert community, where residents and visitors enjoy our high quality of life and a relaxing experience. We desire to balance our cultural and historical resources with responsible, sustainable economic growth and enhance our natural desert beauty. We are committed to providing responsive, friendly, and efficient customer service in an environment that fosters unity among all our citizens.*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This time is for members of the public to address the Sustainability Commission on Agenda items and items of general interest within the subject matter within jurisdiction of the City. The Commission values your comments but, pursuant to the Brown Act, cannot take action on items not listed on the posted Agenda. Three (3) minutes for each speaker.

**A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (5 MINUTES)**

**B. PRESENTATIONS (40 MINUTES)**

1. DWA Update, Desert Water Agency Public Information Officer, Ashley Hudgens
2. City Solar Installations & Landscape Conversion, Asst. City Manager/City Engineer, Marcus Fuller

**C. MEETING MINUTES (5 MINUTES)**

1. September 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes approval

**D. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT, Cheryl Houck, Liaison & Commissioner Armstrong**

**E. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun (10 MINUTES)**

1. Electronic Waste and Shredding Report
2. Assembly Bill 1826 Update and Progress

**F. SUSTAINABILITY MANAGERS REPORT, Michele Mician (15 MINUTES)**

1. Sustainability Master Plan public workshop

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2. Tahquitz Creek Invasive Removal Project
3. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure including Remote Monitoring and Point of Use Charging
4. Urban Forestry Plan and Tree inventory

**G. OLD BUSINESS (5 MINUTES)**

1. U.S. Conference of Mayors, Zero Waste Resolution
2. Film Series Update
3. Leaf Blower Discussion

**H. NEW BUSINESS (10 MINUTES)**

1. Waterless Urinal Program

**I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (30 MINUTES)**

1. Water Conservation Subcommittee, Commissioners Armstrong and Freedman
2. Outreach Subcommittee, Commissioner Lazar
3. Green Building/Solar Subcommittee, Vice Chair Wilson and Commissioner Otto
4. Waste Reduction Subcommittee, Commissioner Polischak
5. Wellness Subcommittee, Chair Jackson
6. Active Transportation Subcommittee, Commissioner Yepello

**J. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (5 MINUTES)**

**K. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission will adjourn to the Regular Meeting, which will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in the Large Conference Room at City Hall. The Sustainability Commission's normal meeting schedule is at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month except August unless otherwise noted or amended.

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND**

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING: I, Michele C. Mician, Sustainability Manager of the City of Palm Springs, California, certify this Agenda was posted at or before 6:00 p.m. on October 15, 2015, as required by established policies and procedures.



, Michele C. Mician, Sustainability Manager



# SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

<b>PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: 10/20/2015</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY: Mark Polischak</b>
<b>SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Waste Reduction</b>	<b>SUBMITTED DATE: 10/13/2015</b>
<b>SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 10/12/2015</b>	<b>NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 10/21/2015</b>

**Subcommittee Meeting Goal:**

To focus and educate stakeholders on the reasons for participation and possible ordinance to reduce food waste in the City of Palm Springs and to identify how the city can best implement the transitional reduction goals.

**Summary:**

The Waste Reduction sub-committee met on 10/12/2015 and reviewed the U.S. Conference of Mayor’s Municipal Zero Waste resolution.

**Recommendation/Request**

The Waste Reduction sub-committee recommends final Sustainability Commission review and motion to endorse the Zero Waste resolution and recommend referral to City Council for review and approval.

<b>ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION</b>	
<b>ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY</b>	
<b>POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:</b>	



# SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: October 20, 2015

SUBMITTED BY: Joe Jackson, Thom Bettinger, Mark Polischak, Grant Wilson

SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Wellness Sub-Committee

SUBMITTED DATE: October 14, 2015

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: Report of Activities

NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: TBD

**Subcommittee Meeting Goal:**

The Wellness Sub-committee will have an information table on behalf of the Commission at 3 upcoming community events.

**Summary:**

The Wellness Sub-committee will be present at three upcoming community events:  
 Oct 20, 2015 Third Annual Safety Fair, Palm Springs United Methodist Church, 2-4 pm  
 Oct 23, 2015 Mizell Senior Lifestyle Expo, 10 am to 2 pm  
 Nov 14-15, 2015 PS International Health and Wellness Event, Air Museum, 10 am to 4 pm

Additionally, Joe Jackson and Grant Wilson met with the Active Transportation Committee and City Staff on Sept 29 for bike lane discussions which also included improving the pedestrian experience in Palm Springs. Jackson continued this discussion with ACT at their Oct 6 meeting.

**Recommendation/Request**

None at this time.

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	Additional Commission members are requested to help staff the Nov. 14-15, 10 am to 4 pm, PS International Health and Wellness Festival booth.
ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY	Prepare materials for each of the event Display Tables.
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	Supplies required for Display Tables.



## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: 10/20/15	SUBMITTED BY: V.Yepello / N.Ferguson
SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Active Transportation Committee	SUBMITTED DATE: 10/15/15
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: September 29 <sup>th</sup> and October 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: October 18, 2015

**Subcommittee Meeting Goal: Set Agenda for 2015-2016**

To meet and discuss 1) Funding for Future ATC and Related Projects, 2) New bike lanes and markings, 3) Incorporate Walkability goals and projects into the discussion

**Summary:**

- 1) **Meeting with Engineering Staff on Funding for Future Projects**
  - a. City staff met with members of the ATC committee and Health/Wellness Committee to discuss:
    - i. Outstanding issues from current funding (sharrows on Indian Canyon and Palm Canyon and completion of bike lanes on El Cielo.
    - ii. ATC Wish List including but not limited
      1. Improvements on South Palm Canyon (2 travel lanes and a bike lane from end to end
      2. Restriping LaVerne between East Palm Canyon and South Palm Canyon for a road diet and bike lanes
      3. Create a South Palm Canyon/LaVerne/The Toledo/Murray Canyon loop that includes a combination bike/golf cart lane
    - iii. Health and Wellness Wish List
      1. Baristo Channel Path from Indian Canyon to Caballeros (joint project with ACBCI)
      2. East Palm Canyon – complete the sidewalk and add shade elements along the north side of East Palm Canyon between Sunrise and
- 2) **Other Works in Progress:**
  - a. Review recommendations Ryan Snyder made for road diets.
  - b. Discuss and make a decision on either updating the Walkability Plan or preparing a new plan
  - c. Review and consider funding implementation of the Tahquitz Creek Master Plan
  - d. Prepare a description of the “multi-modal” South Palm Canyon/LaVerne/The Toledo/Murray Canyon loop

**Recommendation/Request**

1. Meet with Police Department on the Traffic Safety Grant.
2. Meet with Engineering staff again to provide direction on ATC projects

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	Continue process for rollout/implementation
ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY	Allocate J. Hocker to participate in education programs
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	ATC budget line item for Bike Month expenditures