

Sustainability Commission

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at **5:00** p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Nate Otto

ROLL CALL: A quorum was present for this Regular Meeting of the City of Palm Springs Sustainability Commission.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was presented by Sustainability Manager Mician. A motion to approve by Commissioner Freedman and seconded by Commissioner Polischak and unanimously carried.

	<u>This Meeting</u>	<u>Present to Date</u>	<u>FY 2015/2016 Excused Absences</u>	<u>FY 2015/2016 Unexcused Absences</u>
Thom Bettinger	X	40		
Joe Jackson	X	31		
Grant Wilson	X	33	1	
Mark Polischak	X	27	1	
Victor Yepello	E	25	2	
Travis Armstrong	X	27	1	
Tara Lazar	E	15	1	
Nate Otto	X	15		
David Freedman	X	6		
Nancy Ferguson	X	5		

X = Present

E = Excused (notified Chair and Staff of absence)

L = Late

U = did not notify of absence

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Michele Mician MS, Manager, Office of Sustainability
Dan DeGarmo, Clerical Assistant
Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator

CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. Resignation of Commissioner Yepello – Manager Mician reported.
Will go to City Council on Wednesday December 16, 2015 for acceptance
2. Recruitment for Open Commission Seats – Notice of Vacancy has been posted.
Commissioner Armstrong commented on attempting to diversify and reach out to other communities.

B. PRESENTATIONS (Order of presentations was reversed)

1. Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance, Flinn Fagg, Planning Director
Director of Planning Flinn Fagg reported on the CVAG Technical Planning sub-committee meeting and the proposed changes to the Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance to be prepared for the City of Palm Springs. He requested that the changes be discussed by the Water Conservation Subcommittee and Green Building Subcommittee and then bring ordinance to Commission at the

January 2016 meeting. Comments and questions from the Commissioners were discussed.

2. Mayor's Healthy Planet, Healthy You Race and Wellness Festival, Jeff Hocker, Event Manager
Jeff Hocker updated Commissioners on the upcoming Mayor's Race and Wellness Festival with reports and handouts. Comments and questions from the Commissioners were discussed. Expectations from Commissioners during the event were also discussed.

C. MEETING MINUTES

1. November 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented. Motion by Commissioner Bettinger, Second by Commissioner Freedman.

D. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

Cheryl Houck, Liaison & Commissioner Armstrong

Commissioner Armstrong reported on the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting discussion of whether or not to remove the grass at the Dog Park. He also reported on pesticide uses at parks and the possibility of getting an integrated pest management proposal.

Manager Mician suggested creating an Agenda item for the next meeting to create an Ad Hoc committee regarding integrated pest management.

E. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun

1. Results of December 12, 2015 Shredding and Electronic Waste Event
Gary Calhoun reported on the Shredding and E Waste event held on December 12, 2015. He also reported that the Mattress Committee is moving forward.
No questions or discussion from Commissioners.

F. SUSTAINABILITY MANAGERS REPORT, Michele Mician

1. Summary of Sustainability Master Plan and Public Workshop, December 5, 2015
Manager Mician reported on input from the Master Plan Public Workshop. Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed. Possibility of having another Commissioner Workshop was also discussed along with getting Public comments at the Wellness Festival.
2. Household Hazardous Waste Site Updates
Manager Mician reported on changes to the HHW site procedures and the creation of a Re-use store at the HHW site. Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.
3. Walk and Roll Mobility App Live Demonstration
Manager Mician demonstrated the Walk and Roll Web App. Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed. Feedback on problems with App were taken for processing.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Walking Master Plan, Michele Mician, Sustainability Manager
Manager Mician reported on the status of a Walking Master Plan. Funding is available for development of a plan. Questions and comments from the Commissioners were discussed.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance: To be Voted on at Regular Meeting held on January 19, 2016
Chair Jackson reported that the Water and Green Building Subcommittees will review model ordinance and present for a vote to the Commission at the January 19, 2016 meeting. Comments and questions from the Commissioners were discussed. Director of Planning Fagg answered general questions regarding the ordinance and the presentation to the City Council.

I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Water Conservation Subcommittee, Commissioner Freedman
Commissioner Freedman reported on aquifer articles and that turf rebates could be subject to

Federal Tax. He also reported on the water conservation percentage and the possibility of DWA doing tiered rates for water.

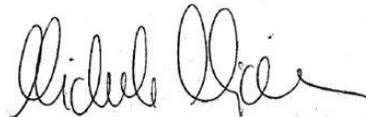
2. Outreach Subcommittee, Commissioner Lazar
No Report
3. Green Building/Solar Subcommittee, Vice Chair Wilson, Commissioners Otto and Freedman
Commissioner Freedman reported that the proposed decision of the California Public Utilities Commission will keep solar net metering rates. The CPUC has discussed the possibility of adding certain fees. Commissioner Armstrong noted that the letter that was sent to the CPUC from the Commission did not reflect the vote as he had requested.
4. Waste Reduction Subcommittee, Commissioner Polischak
Commissioner Polischak reported on a possible program to promote Product Stewardship from pharmaceutical companies so that citizens can drop off un-used medications to local pharmacies.
5. Wellness Subcommittee, Chair Jackson
No report.
6. Active Transportation Subcommittee, Commissioner Ferguson
Commissioner Ferguson reported on Outreach and Public Education. Communication with the Measure J Commission to ensure there is no overlapping of efforts.

J. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Jackson reported that the City Council will make appointments for liaisons with other City Commissions at their meeting on December 16, 2015.

- K. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Commissioner Freedman and Second by Commissioner Otto to adjourn the meeting of the Sustainability Commission to the Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michele Mician, Manager
Office of Sustainability