

Sustainability Commission

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 19, 2016
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 Polischak

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 Bettinger and seconded by Commissioner Freedman 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> |
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| Thom Bettinger | X | 41 | | |
| Joe Jackson | X | 32 | | |
| Grant Wilson | X | 34 | 1 | |
| Mark Polischak | X | 28 | 1 | |
| Travis Armstrong | X | 28 | 1 | |
| Tara Lazar | X | 16 | 1 | |
| Nate Otto | X | 16 | | |
| David Freedman | X | 7 | | |
| Nancy Ferguson | X | 6 | | |

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. PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor's Healthy Planet, Healthy You Race and Wellness Festival, Jeff Hocker, Event Manager
Jeff Hocker updated Commissioners on status of the 2016 Mayor's Race and Wellness Festival including radio and billboard advertising.

Commissioner Bettinger commented on the Citrus Exchange.

2. Review of Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance Changes, Flinn Fagg, Planning Director
Planning Director Fagg updated the Commissioners on the local changes made to the State's recommended ordinance. Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

B. MEETING MINUTES

1. December 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes approval
Motion by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Bettinger.
Unanimously approved with Commissioner Lazar abstaining.

C. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT Cheryl Houck, Liaison & Commissioner Armstrong
Commissioner Armstrong reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission is working on plans for an integrated pest management plan and obtaining an architect for the Dog Park to make it more sustainable.

D. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun

1. City Facility Recycling Update and Employee Education Campaign
Gary Calhoun updated the Commissioners on AB1826 Organic Waste Disposal and Mattress recycling program. He also reported on efforts to increase the City's Downtown recycling. Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed

E. SUSTAINABILITY MANAGERS REPORT, Michele Mician

1. Sustainability Master Plan: Budget for Additional Outreach and Study Session Workshop II
Manager Mician reported on cost from Raimi and Associates to come out to facilitate a second Study Session. Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed including having a Study Session without Raimi and Associates.
2. Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Planning Phase 1
Manager Mician presented a preliminary plan for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Sustainability Department budget explaining the three funds managed by the Sustainability Department. She also asked for ideas from Commissioners for new programs to be considered for next Fiscal Year budget. Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION: Motion by Commissioner Freedman and second by Commissioner Bettinger to adopt the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance as presented.

Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed. Unanimously approved.

2. Review Priorities for Measure J Funding of Biking and Walking Projects.
Commissioner Ferguson presented information on the status of biking and walking projects for the City, including plans for Measure J funding of bike lanes and a pedestrian plan.
Commissioner Ferguson also mentioned using the balance of Measure J funding for the Tahquitz Creek cleanup and walkability plan.
Commissioner Ferguson also requested that the City file an application with the League of American Bicyclists to become a bicycle friendly city.
Senior Civil Engineer Laurie answered questions regarding bike lanes and sharrows.
Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept Active Transportation Subcommittee recommendations to be forwarded to Measure J Commission.

Motion by Vice Chair Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Freedman. Passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on Integrated Pest Management at City Parks and Facilities
Motion to appoint Commissioner Armstrong and Commissioner Ferguson to an ad hoc sub-committee on Integrated Pest Management. Moved by Vice Chair Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Polischak and unanimously approved.
2. Additional Outreach and Workshop for Sustainability Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Approve funding in the amount of \$2880.00 to fund additional working session on Sustainability Master Plan with the Sustainability Commission to prepare before the City Council meeting presentation.

Motion by Commissioner Freedman and seconded by Commissioner Lazar.

Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

Motion was defeated: Yay = 0; Nay = 9.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Water Conservation Subcommittee

Commissioner Freedman reported that there is a new General Manager at Desert Water Agency. DWA changing their water conservation mandates to 32%.

2. Outreach Subcommittee

Commissioner Lazar reported on status of creating new Logo and brand identity. A Purchase Order has been created for this project.

3. Green Building/Solar Subcommittee

Commissioner Freedman reported on creating a Green Building Standards for downtown.

4. Waste Reduction Subcommittee

Commissioner Polischak reported on status of Safe Drug Disposal program and contact with SHARPS regarding disposal sites.

5. Wellness Subcommittee

Chair Jackson referred to printed report given to commissioners. No further report was given.

6. Active Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Ferguson stated no further report.

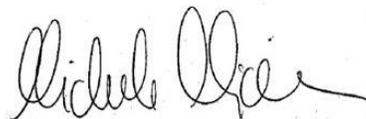
I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bettinger reported that the first Sustainable Film Series film will be Saturday January 23rd.

Commissioner Otto requested if a date should be set for a team building session. Manager Mician will send out a request for a date to have the session.

J. ADJOURNMENT – 7:00 PM - Motion by Vice Chair Wilson and Second by Commissioner Lazar to adjourn the meeting of the Sustainability Commission to the Regular Meeting, which will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 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.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michele Mician, Manager
Office of Sustainability