

Sustainability Commission

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



STUDY SESSION AND TEAM BUILDING MEETING MINUTES

Saturday March 5, 2016
Desert Healthcare District Offices, 1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive
2nd Floor Meeting Room, Palm Springs, CA 92262

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at **10:13** a.m.

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 as presented was 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	43		
Joe Jackson	X	34		
Grant Wilson	X	36	1	
Mark Polischak	E	29	2	
Travis Armstrong	X	30	1	
Tara Lazar	E	16	3	
Nate Otto	X	18		
David Freedman	X	9		
Nancy Ferguson	X	8		
Robert McCann	X	1		

X = Present
L = Late

E = Excused (notified Chair and Staff of absence)
U = did not notify of absence

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

City Council Liaisons: Mayor Rob Moon and Councilmember Geoff Kors

1. MEET AND GREET

Commission members, Liaisons and City Staff were introduced and exchanged greetings.

2. JOINT COUNCIL SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- A. Mission
- B. Ice Breaker

Commissioners, liaisons and City staff gave their answer to one of the following questions:

I became a sustainability commissioner because...

The best project I ever worked on was ...

When people ask me about the Sustainability Commission, I tell them...

Comments included: more diverse input from the community, EEMIS energy management, Dark Sky Ordinance, bike share, grey water, LEED certified homes, "Micro-ecology", getting new sustainability laws and policies passed,

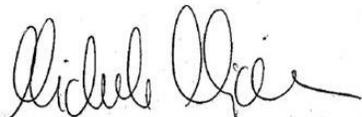
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- getting other Coachella Valley cities involved in Sustainability, solar energy, Sustainability Master Plan, growing food, utilizing native foods, paperless society, synchronizing traffic lights, train schedule from Los Angeles to Palm Springs, integrated pest management, idling policy, producer responsibility for packaging recycling, condo/apartment recycling bins, conservation restoration, short and long term goals, air quality management.
- C. Council Member Comments and Vision
Council Member Kors requested a joint Study Session with the City Council and the Sustainability Commission.
Council Member Kors also suggested that there be a liaison or delegate from the Sustainability Commission to the Planning Commission and the Architectural Advisory Committee.
3. SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW
- A. Detail review
Manager Mician gave an overview of the new plan and gave a report on the accomplishments of the prior plan.
- B. Changes/Comments
Commissioners and Manager Mician went through the new plan page by page and made changes to better represent the ideas for adoption by the City Council.
- C. Scheduling Final Plan for City Council Adoption
Suggested changes will be implemented into the Plan and will be presented at the next Commission Meeting on March 15, 2016 for approval and submission to the City Council for adoption.
4. BUDGET REVIEW
Manager Mician presented the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Sustainability Department Budget. Commissioner comments and questions were discussed.
5. TEAM BUILDING EXERCISE
Commissioners and staff expressed their one quality or skill that they bring to the Commission. Due to time constraints, the complete Team Building Exercise was unable to be completed.
6. CLOSING COMMENTS
We all bring something different to the table and are willing to serve.
7. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Commissioner Freedman and seconded by Commissioner McCann to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m. by Chair Jackson to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday March 15, 2016, at 5 PM in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michele Mician, Manager
Office of Sustainability