

Sustainability Commission

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 15, 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 Councilmember McCann

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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Lazar 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	44		
Joe Jackson	X	35		
Grant Wilson	X	37	1	
Mark Polischak	E	29	3	
Travis Armstrong	X	31	1	
Tara Lazar	X	17	3	
Nate Otto	X	19		
David Freedman	X	10		
Nancy Ferguson	L	9		
Robert McCann	X	2		

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. Welcome New Commissioner McCann – Commissioner McCann was introduced at the March 5, 2016 Special Meeting. No further comments were given.
2. Palm Springs Public Library Family Fun Fest (3/23) and Summer Reading Program
Julie Warren, Library Services & Public Relations Manager reported on the Family Fun Fest and the Summer reading program. The theme for the program is “Read for the Win” and she requested that the Sustainability Commission fund a request for 3 bicycles as prizes. Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

B. MEETING MINUTES

1. February 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Freedman motioned to approve minutes as amended, second by Commissioner Bettinger. Approved unanimously with Commissioner Lazar abstaining.

C. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

Vice Chair Aiello, Parks and Recreation and Commissioner Armstrong, Liaison

Commissioner Armstrong reported that a subcommittee has been created for Pesticide Reduction and that he and Commissioner Armstrong will be on the Committee. Also, discussion about the maintenance of the dog park.

D. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun

1. Update on Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Reporting Process

Recycling Coordinator Calhoun reported on tonnage reports and multi-family recycling efforts.

A report on mattress recycling was also presented.

Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

E. SUSTAINABILITY MANAGERS REPORT, Michele Mician

1. Sustainability Master Plan and Council Presentation

Manager Mician reported that the deadline for the SCAG contract has been extended to May 31, 2016.

2. March 5, 2016 Sustainability Commission Workshop Review

Manager Mician reported that some of the changes to the Master Plan have already been made and that new graphics are being developed. Looking to have Master Plan adopted by Commission in April and by the City Council in May 2016.

3. Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Overview

Manager Mician stated that the budget numbers have not changed since presented and will go to the City Council as stated. An explanation of the different funds was given. A Town Hall Meeting for the public will be held on April 11-12, 2016.

Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. ONE PS Picnic Scheduling, March 19, 2016

Manager Mician requested volunteers for manning the booth for the ONE PS Picnic

2. Discuss Chair appointment and open nominations of Sustainability Commission Liaison to Planning Commission and Architectural Advisory Commission

Manager Mician reported on the process for becoming a liaison for the Architectural Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission. Commissioners Freedman and Otto volunteered for the Planning and AAC liaisons. An item on the agenda for the April 19, 2016 meeting will be added.

3. Adopt Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Proposal:

MOTION: VOTE TO APPROVE FY 2016-17 BUDGET PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Commissioner Otto and second by Commissioner Freedman, unanimously passed.

G. NEW BUSINESS

(10 MINUTES)

1. Commission policy on positions regarding conservation issues and requests for environmental campaign support.

Manager Mician requested input on how Commission would like to handle requests for support on emerging environmental issues affecting the Sustainability Commission. Criteria should be determined on how to respond to requests on issues.

Commissioner Ferguson reported that more time should be allowed to study any request. Also, a subcommittee could be established to look for projects that may need addressing in order to have more time for an educated response.

Discussion was held on how to make possible to hear from both sides of an issue.

Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed. Chair Jackson reported that the issue of a new subcommittee will be discussed among Commissioners for possible inclusion on a future agenda.

2. Funding of new Waterless Urinal Program

Commissioner Freedman gave an overview of the waterless urinal program.

Commissioner Lazar motioned and Commissioner McCann seconded the motion:

MOTION: CREATE NEW FY 2016-17 REBATE INCENTIVES FOR WATERLESS URINALS USING \$5,000.00 FROM WATER EFFICIENCY ACCOUNT 138-1270-58021 TO FUND A MINIMUM OF 50 REBATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 LIMITED TO ONE PER APPLICANT.

No further comments, motion unanimously carried.

3. Discuss expenditure to fund Summer Reading Program

Manager Mician explained that the recommendation is different than what was requested by the Library. The amount on the recommendation is given as a suggested amount.

RECOMMENDATION: MOTION TO ALLOCATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500 TO FUND TWO BICYCLES FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM RAFFLE WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNT # 138-1270-58039

Commissioner Bettinger motioned to amend the recommendation to fund not to exceed \$700.00. Seconded by Commissioner Ferguson.

Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed. Commissioner Armstrong recommended that the bikes should go to children who cannot afford a bike and that a report of who receive the bikes be presented to the Commission.

Motion passed with only Commissioner Armstrong voting against.

4. Goals and Scheduling Policy Recommendations to Council for 2016-2020

Manager Mician reported on six goals to be sent to the City Council:

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| i. Multi Family Recycling | iv. No Idling Policy |
| ii. Product Stewardship | v. Tree Protection Ordinance |
| iii. Pesticide Policy | vi. Mandatory Green Building Practices |

No questions or comments from Commissioners.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

(30 MINUTES)

1. Water Conservation Subcommittee, Commissioner Freedman

Commissioner Freedman reported that DWA has amended the Water Conservation Ordinance and can now issue on the spot violation fines. More outreach programs are being planned. Commissioner Freedman also reported that there is pending legislation on model water irrigation and separate plumbing to allow for grey water to be used for irrigation in new builds.

2. Outreach Subcommittee, Commissioner Lazar

- a. New branding and logos – Commissioner Lazar reported on the efforts to create a new logo for the Sustainability Commission. Comments from the commissioners were requested.
- b. Commissioner Lazar reported on fruit gleaning.
- c. Commissioner Lazar reported on a design for a “Mouth” to be fitted onto the front of a disposal unit for unused medication. Hopefully to be placed in local pharmacies.

3. Green Building/Solar Subcommittee, Vice Chair Wilson, Commissioners Otto and Freedman

Commissioner Freedman reported on the Green for Life progress and a presentation to ONE-PS. The recommendation on the report has already been included in the new budget.

4. Waste Reduction Subcommittee, Commissioner Polischak – No Report

5. Wellness Subcommittee, Chair Jackson – No Report

6. Active Transportation Subcommittee, Commissioner Ferguson reported on the Open Streets event and on Cycledelic.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Wilson expressed gratitude for raising issue of Pedestrian Plan being funded through Measure J
Commissioner Armstrong stated that the Desert Horticultural Society is having their annual tour on Sunday

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April 3, 2016. Palermo HOA to be featured.

Chair Jackson stated that Councilmember Kors may request time to speak at the April meeting to discuss CVAG and the Salton Sea.

Commissioner Otto stated that the Eagle Crest pumping station is not a renewable energy plant, but a storage unit for renewable energy.

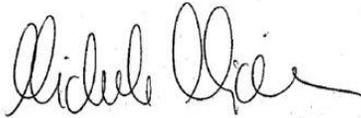
Commissioner Ferguson requested that Commissioner Otto bring more information to the Commission so that a better decision can be made on the subject.

Chair Jackson requested that any new topics or new business be communicated to Manager Mician or himself as soon as possible so that they may be addressed.

Commissioner McCann stated that a Coachella Valley will have an International Dark Sky Association Chapter to fight light pollution in the near future.

- J. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned to the Regular Meeting, held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 in the City Hall Large Conference Room. Motion by Commissioner Lazar and seconded by Commissioner Otto. The Sustainability Commission's meeting schedule is at 5 p.m. the third Tuesday each month except August unless otherwise noted or amended.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Mician". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michele Mician, Manager
Office of Sustainability