

**SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at **5:04** p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Lazar

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 Vice Chair Wilson and seconded by Commissioner McCann and unanimously carried.

	This Meeting	Present to Date	FY 2015/2016 Excused Absences	FY 2015/2016 Unexcused Absences
Thom Bettinger	X	45		
Joe Jackson	X	36		
Grant Wilson	X	38	1	
Mark Polischak	E	29	4	Resigned
Travis Armstrong	X	32	1	
Tara Lazar	X	18	3	
Nate Otto	E	19		
David Freedman	X	11		
Nancy Ferguson	X	10		
Robert McCann	X	3		

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:

1. Darryl Poniscan, Palm Springs spoke on gas powered leaf blowers and the possibility of banning same in the City of Palm Springs.
2. Cecelia Poniscan, Palm Springs also spoke on gas powered leaf blowers and the effects of the emissions from them.
3. Ellen Lockert, Palm Springs spoke on greenhouse gas emissions and the efforts on green building standards.

A. PRESENTATIONS

1. Councilmember Kors spoke on CVAG and the Salton Sea. He requested that the Commission add to the May 2016 Sustainability Commission agenda a longer time for a representative from the Salton Sea Authority and CVAG. He also reported on the CVAG Energy and Environment Committee and their goals for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year.
2. Jeremy Hutman presented the CaliforniaFIRST Program for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE). A Power Point presentation was shown stating some benefits of renewable energy and the financing available. Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

B. MEETING MINUTES

1. March 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Vice Chair Wilson motioned to approve minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Bettinger. Approved unanimously with Commissioner Lazar abstaining.
2. March 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Freedman motioned to approve minutes as amended, second by Commissioner McCann. Approved unanimously.

C. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

- Vice Chair Aiello, Parks and Recreation and Commissioner Armstrong, Liaison
- o Commissioner Armstrong stated no report this month.

D. RECYCLING REPORT

1. Update on Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Reporting Process
 - o Coordinator Calhoun reported that the Shredding Event last weekend was a success with about 200 vehicles participating. Coordinator Calhoun also reported that the mandatory organics collection will become effective as of May 1. Also, the mattress recycling is going well.
 - o Manager Mician reported that a resolution for a beverage container recycling grant will be going to the City Council on May 18.

Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

E. SUSTAINABILITY MANAGERS REPORT, Michele Mician

1. Recognition of Green Citizen Award Winner, Mary Brent Wehrli
Manager Mician announced the winner of the Green Citizen Award and the recognition of the Palermo HOA and their desert landscape project.
2. CaliforniaFIRST PACE Program proposal
Manager Mician asked if an agenda item should be made for this program on the next Commission meeting. A resolution from the City Council is a requirement. Commissioners requested that the resolution go to City Council without further Commission input.
3. Resignation of Commissioner Polischak and open seats
Manager Mician reported that Commissioner Polischak resigned due to work obligations. There are now 3 seats open for class of 2019 and one seat vacated by Commissioner Polischak.
4. Palm Springs Public Library Family Fun Fest results
Manager Mician reported on the success of the Family Fun Fest.
5. Sustainability Film Series Attendance
Manager Mician reported on the good attendance at the Saturday film series.
6. Sustainability Master Plan and Council Presentation
Manager Mician requested that Commissioners be present at the City Council joint session on May 18 and the Master Plan will be discussed with the City Council.

Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Chair appointment of Sustainability Commission Liaison to Planning Commission and Architectural Advisory Commission
 - o Chair Jackson appointed Commissioner Freedman as the liaison to the Planning Commission and Commissioner Otto as the liaison to the Architectural Advisory Committee.
 - o Chair Jackson announced Lisa Middleton as the liaison from the Planning Commission to the Sustainability Commission.
2. Open Streets Event Date Set for May 6, 2017
 - o Chair Jackson commented on the Open Streets Event planned for May 6, 2017.

Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Creation of Subcommittee for emerging issues
 - o Chair Jackson reported that the guidelines presented were for process only. The creation of a subcommittee can be a possibility. Chair Jackson stated that the Commission wait until after June 2016

when new Commissioners are here. Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

2. Goals and Scheduling Policy Recommendations to Council for 2016-2020
 - i. Multi Family Recycling
 - ii. Product Stewardship
 - iii. Pesticide Policy
 - iv. No Idling Policy
 - v. Tree Protection Ordinance
 - vi. Mandatory Green Building Practices
- o Manager Mician reported that the above goals were what she would like to see happen for the next 12 to 24 months.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Water Conservation Subcommittee
 - o Commissioner Freedman reported that the Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance was approved by the City Council on first reading and the second reading and adoption on April 6, 2016, will go into effect May 6, 2016. He also reported on DWA water reduction goals and that DWA is issuing fines for non-compliance. DWA will also be holding a facilities tour on May 13, 2016.
2. Outreach Subcommittee
 - o Commissioner Lazar stated that there is no report this month.
 - a. New branding and logos work is being moved forward.
3. Green Building/Solar Subcommittee
 - o Commissioner Freedman reported on the status of a Green Building program for the City of Palm Springs.
4. Waste Reduction Subcommittee
 - o Chair Jackson reported for Commissioner Polischak on FIND and Waste No Food programs.
5. Wellness Subcommittee
 - o Chair Jackson reported on the Implementation Matrix that is in the Agenda Packet.
6. Active Transportation Subcommittee
 - o Commissioner Ferguson reported that the Open Streets event presented earlier was well put together by Brett Klein. Chair Jackson commented on the success of the Bike Routes and the South Palm Springs routes.

Questions and comments from Commissioners were discussed.

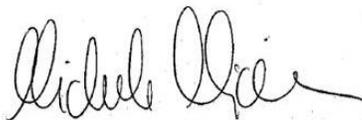
Manager Mician played the bike lane Public Service Announcement for the Commissioners.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- o Chair Jackson stated that he reached out to the Measure J Chair to facilitate a connection with them on any Sustainability related topics.
- o Chair Jackson also stated that he spoke with the Environmental Science teacher at Palm Springs High School to get students interested in the Sustainability Commission.

- J. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 6:39 P.M. A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson. Unanimously approved. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting which will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 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