



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
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April 18, 2017
5:00 PM

REGULAR
MEETING AGENDA

Palm Springs City Hall
Large Conference Room
 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
 Palm Springs, CA 92262

COMMISSIONERS	
Joe Jackson, Chair	Grant Wilson, Vice Chair
Roy Clark	David Freedman
Jennifer Futterman	Greg Gauthier
John Goins	Lauri Kibby
Robert McCann	Nate Otto
Michael Wangler	

Staff representatives: Marcus L. Fuller, Assistant City Manager/City Engineer
 Staci Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities
 Dan DeGarmo, Clerical Assistant
 Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator

City of Palm Springs Vision Statement: Palm Springs aspires to be a unique world-class desert community, where residents and visitors enjoy our high quality of life and a relaxing experience. We desire to balance our cultural and historical resources with responsible, sustainable economic growth and enhance our natural desert beauty. We are committed to providing responsive, friendly, and efficient customer service in an environment that fosters unity among all our citizens.

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CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

CITY MANAGER AND/OR ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Preliminary Budget review - City Manager David Ready / Assistant City Manager Marcus Fuller

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission – Lisa Middleton, liaison

PUBLIC COMMENTS: This time is for members of the public to address the Sustainability Commission on Agenda items and items of general interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission values your comments but, pursuant to the Brown Act, cannot take action on items not listed on the posted Agenda. Three (3) minutes are assigned for each speaker.

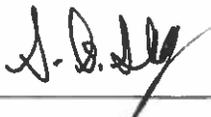
- A. WELCOME** **(5 MINUTES)**
- B. PRESENTATIONS** – Nancy Ferguson and Vic Yepello – Bicycle Friendly Application **(20 MINUTES)**
- C. MEETING MINUTES** **(5 MINUTES)**
 March 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes approval

- D. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun (10 MINUTES)**
- E. NEW BUSINESS (30 MINUTES)**
1. Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Leaf Blowers, to continue work with Council.
 2. Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Pedestrian Planning.
 3. Review of Current Sites for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, with possible additions
 4. MOTION: To approve the expenditure of \$350 to be a sponsor for the Palm Springs Public Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program (Memo from Julie Warren).
 5. Report of meeting with Planning Director Flinn Fagg. Discussion item: To discuss the Sustainability Commission providing \$45,000.00 from the 2017-18 budget to support a pedestrian/walkability plan for the City of Palm Springs.
- F. OLD BUSINESS None**
- G. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS (30 MINUTES)**
1. Standing Committee on Green Building, Commissioners Freedman and Otto
 2. Standing Committee on Solar Mandate, Commissioners Freedman and Middleton
 3. Ad Hoc Committee on Waste Reduction, Commissioners McCann and Clark
 4. Ad Hoc Committee on Film Series, Commissioners Clark and Futterman
 5. Ad Hoc Committee on World Environment Day, Commissioners Futterman, Kibby, and Wangler
 6. Ad Hoc Committee on Bicycle Route Maps, Commissioners Goins and Wangler
 7. Active Transportation/Pedestrian Planning, Vice-Chair Wilson
 8. Wellness, Commissioner Futterman
 9. Water, Commissioner Freedman
 10. Outreach, Commissioner Futterman
- H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (5 MINUTES)**
- I. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission will adjourn to the Regular Meeting of the Sustainability Commission to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, in the City Hall Large Conference Room. The Sustainability Commission's regular meeting schedule is at 5 p.m. the third Tuesday each month except August unless otherwise noted or amended.

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING: I, Staci A. Schafer, Director of Maintenance & Facilities of the City of Palm Springs, California, certify this Agenda was posted at or before 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017, as required by established policies and procedures.

 4/12/17

Staci A. Schafer, Director of Maintenance & Facilities



SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: 04/18/17

SUBMITTED BY: David Freedman

SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Green Building

SUBMITTED DATE: 04/03/17

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 03/23/17

NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 04/20/17

Subcommittee Meeting Goals:

- Discuss the process for Zero Net Energy (ZNE) implementation and how the Commission could assist local developers to prepare for the Jan. 1, 2020, effective date.
- Discuss Subcommittee work plan for the remainder of FY 16-17.

Summary:

Subcommittee members met to discuss the process for ZNE implementation and how the Commission could assist local developers, general contractors and architects to prepare for the Jan. 1, 2020, effective date of the California Green Building Standards Code, as well as the Subcommittee work plan for the remainder of FY 16-17.

Subcommittee members expressed their view that the Commission could serve as an information resource on ZNE and suggested that the Commission cosponsor a half-day seminar on ZNE implementation in the fall of 2017 or early 2018, focusing on the following elements:

- What are the core ZNE requirements?
- What do I need to do to educate myself about ZNE?
- What ZNE measures can I do now?

Possible cosponsors for the seminar would be ACBCI, Chambers of Commerce, CVAG, Desert Builders Association, Desert Valleys Builders Association, Palm Desert and US Green Building Council (USGBC). To increase attendance from throughout the Coachella Valley, the seminar could be held at a mid-valley location. Possible speakers include local architects who have already incorporated ZNE in their buildings, a representative of USGBC and a mechanical engineer.

Commission members also discussed the Commission organizing a presentation on interior green buildings techniques to be held in Palm Springs during Modernism Week 2018, with a presentation by interior designers who have used green buildings techniques. A possible cosponsor of this event would be the Palm Springs chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers.

Recommendation/Request:

Move forward with contacting stakeholders about cosponsoring and speaking at the seminars.

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	Provide feedback on topics, format and feasibility of proposed seminars. Work with Commissioner Futterman on outreach.
ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY	Determine whether the City can cosponsor an event that is not located in Palm Springs. Provide feedback on costs. Assist in outreach measures once seminars are confirmed.
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	There may be some costs associated with the seminars, which would be part of the Commission's FY17-18 outreach budget. The Subcommittee will work to identify these costs.



COMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: 04/18/17	SUBMITTED BY: David Freedman
COMMITTEE NAME: Standing Committee on Solar Mandate	SUBMITTED DATE: 04/13/17
COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 04/13/17	NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: TBD

Subcommittee Meeting Goals:

Meet with the Director of Planning Services to review cost-effectiveness study and prepare for Planning Commission meeting on proposed solar ordinance.

Summary:

The proposed solar ordinance is expected to come back before the Planning Commission at its meeting on April 26, 2017. To prepare for that meeting, Committee members met with Director of Planning Services to review the cost effectiveness study that was prepared by EcoMotion, who also prepared the Santa Monica cost effectiveness study. The study affirms that solar PV systems will be cost-effective for the residential sector in Palm Springs. Commissioner Freedman will contact SCE to confirm certain information in the study about SCE's rates.

Committee members also reviewed the draft solar ordinance. Commissioner Freedman explained several of the provisions that were based on existing state law and the state's model solar ordinance. The Committee members also discussed the criteria for entry-level market rate housing, for which the solar requirement may be satisfied by meeting the requirements to achieve "Green Leaf" status under CVAG's Green Building Program checklist. The Director of Planning Services will follow up with the City Attorney on possible language for the proposed ordinance.

The Committee will meet with the Director of Planning Services once more before the Planning Commission meeting on April 26.

Recommendation/Request

Continue preparations for April 26 Planning Commission meeting.

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	None.
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ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY	Work with relevant Staff members and City Attorney as needed on an ordinance, findings resolution and staff report for consideration by Planning Commission and City Council.
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	The cost-effectiveness study was covered in the budget of the Department of Planning Services.