

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



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at **5:05** p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Freedman

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 Chair Jackson. A motion to approve as presented by Vice Chair Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Freedman and unanimously carried.

	<u>This Meeting</u>	<u>Present to Date</u>	<u>FY 2016/2017 Excused Absences</u>	<u>FY 2016/2017 Unexcused Absences</u>
Joe Jackson	X	42		
Grant Wilson	X	43		
Roy Clark	X	5		
Nancy Ferguson	E	14	2	Resigned as of January 3, 2017
David Freedman	X	17		
Jennifer Futterman	X	6		
Robert McCann	E	7	2	
Nate Otto	E	22	4	

X = Present

E = Excused (notified Chair and Staff of absence)

L = Late

U = did not notify of absence

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Dan DeGarmo, Clerical Assistant; Marcus Fuller, Assistant City Manager/City Engineer; Staci Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities

CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT –

Assistant City Manager Fuller reported that Chris Cunningham from Palm Springs Disposal Services was going to discuss how the Sustainability Department receives its funding. In his stead, Assistant City Manager reported that funding came from the tonnage that is sent to the landfill. The better we recycle, the less funding we receive.

Public Comments:

Ellen Lockert, Palm Springs, spoke on climate change.

Dietre Crawford, Palm Springs, spoke on affordable housing and the solar mandate.

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - None

B. PRESENTATIONS -

Jim Cioffi and Ashley Metzger, Desert Water Agency, gave a presentation on water conservation and the success of the program in Palm Springs. New water rates were also discussed.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

C. MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2016 Study Session minutes approval. Motion by Vice Chair Wilson to approve as presented, second by Commissioner McCann and unanimously approved; Commissioner Freedman abstained.. Abstention by Commissioner Freedman. November 15, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes approval. Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve as amended, second by Commissioner Freedman and unanimously approved.

D. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun reported on the recycling event on December 17, 2016. He also reported on the AB1826 Organic Recycling and AB341 Commercial recycling and multi-family unit recycling. Mattress recycling has been approved for another year. Mr. Calhoun also recommended that we no longer have the December recycling event due to low turnout. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Continued discussion on proposed regulations on leaf blowers.
 - i. Action: Approve proposed leaf blower regulations. Motion by Commissioner Clark, second by Commissioner Futterman. Unanimously approved 5-0.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Receive report of the December 14, 2016 Planning Commission Study Session on mandatory requirements for installation of solar systems on residential projects** – Commissioner Freedman reported on the Planning Commission Study Session key points. Planning Director Fagg and Building and Safety Director Zicarro provided additional information.
 - i. Action: Approve proposed regulations requiring installation of solar systems on residential projects. Motion by Commissioner Freedman, second by Commissioner Clark. Unanimously approved 5-0.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
2. Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committees of the Sustainability Commission – Chair Jackson reported on the appointment of standing committees and ad-hoc committees. (See attachment A)
Commissioners Clark and Futterman requested an ad hoc committee on the Sustainability Series films at the Camelot Theatres.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Water Conservation Subcommittee, Commissioner Freedman
Commissioner Freedman reported on a major upgrade to the waste water treatment plant.
2. Outreach Subcommittee, Commissioner Futterman – No Report
3. Green Building/Solar Subcommittee. Commissioner Freedman – No further report
4. Waste Reduction Subcommittee. No further report.
5. Wellness Subcommittee, Chair Jackson – No Report
6. Active Transportation Subcommittee - No report.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS and STAFF COMMENTS

Facilities and Maintenance Director Schafer reported on the priority one and two tree removals on City property. The City is currently working on possible replacement trees that are appropriate drought resistant/drought tolerant for the area.

I. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 7:05 PM by a motion from Vice Chair Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Freedman. Unanimously approved. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in the Large Conference Room at City Hall. The Sustainability Commission's regular meeting schedule is at 5 p.m. the third Tuesday each month except August unless otherwise noted or amended.

Respectfully Submitted,

Staci A. Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities
For the Office of Sustainability

