



## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 21, 2016 Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at **5:01** p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Vice Chair Wilson

**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 Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Wilson 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	44		
Grant Wilson	X	45		
Roy Clark	X	8		
David Freedman	X	19		
Jennifer Futterman	X	9		
Greg Gauthier	X	1		
John Goins	X	1		
Lauri Kibby	X	1		
Robert McCann	X	9	2	
Nate Otto	E	23	5	
Michael Wangler	X	1		

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 –** No Report

### COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission – Lisa Middleton, liaison, reported on the progress of the Solar Mandate in the Planning Commission. A cost benefit study has been completed.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Travis Armstrong, liaison – (absent). Chair Jackson reported that the liaison from the Sustainability Commission to the Parks and Recreation Commission has not been filled.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

### A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of New Commissioners: Chair Jackson introduced the new Commissioners (Greg Gauthier, John Goins, Lauri Kibby, and Michael Wangler) who each gave a brief statement about themselves and their interest in the Commission.

Chair Jackson asked the new Commissioners to think about what they would like to see happen in the Commission.

**B. MEETING MINUTES** January 17, 2017 meeting minutes approval: Motion by Vice Chair Wilson to approve as amended, second by Commissioner Freedman and unanimously approved. Abstentions by Commissioners Gauthier, Goins, Kibby, McCann and Wangler.

**C. RECYCLING REPORT,** Gary Calhoun reported that due to rain, the February 18, 2017 Shredding event

was canceled. He also reported on the recycling bags proposed to be tested out at HOA complexes. Director Schafer provided more information.

Mr. Calhoun also reported on the recycling needs at Kathryn Finchy school.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

#### **D. NEW BUSINESS**

**Chair Jackson gave a brief statement on the Brown Act requirements for the benefit of the new Commissioners.**

1. Appoint Ad Hoc Committee with the focused topic of reviewing proposed changes to the franchise agreement with Palm Springs Disposal Services to address increased costs for recycled materials, new legislative requirements on organic recycling, and other related issues.

Chair Jackson requested volunteers for the committee. Commissioner Clark expressed his interest.

2. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee for World Environment Day, June 4, 2017. The Committee to have an expiration date of 06/30/2017.

Chair Jackson requested volunteers for the committee. Commissioner Futterman expressed her interest in the event and also provided information on the event. Commissioners Kibby and Wangler also expressed interest.

3. Appointment of New Commissioners to areas of interest/focus. – No action, for information only

4. Discussion of new approaches for revenue streams for Sustainability Commission.

Chair Jackson reported that he would like to include City Manager Ready and Assistant City Manager Fuller in consultations on how to obtain new revenue.

5. Discussion on sponsoring the ONE-PS Picnic & Community Expo, March 25, 2017.

Director Schafer provided information on the picnic and requested input on the level of sponsorship. Chair Jackson provided more information and asked at what level of sponsorship should be made.

Commissioner McCann motioned that the Commission support at the \$500.00 level with a second by Commissioner Futterman. Motion was passed with abstention by Commissioner Freedman.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

6. Discussion on sponsoring the Annual Family Fun Fest, April 12, 2017.

Mr. DeGarmo reported on the Family Fun Fest. Chair Jackson requested volunteers. Commissioners McCann, Clark and Futterman accepted with Chair Jackson a possibility.

7. Appoint Ad Hoc Committee for Non-Motorized Transportation to update the Bicycle Routes and Trails Map for the City of Palm Springs.

Chair Jackson reported on the need to update the Bicycle Routes and Trails map and requested volunteers for the ad-hoc committee. Commissioners Kibby and Goins accepted.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

#### **E. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

1. Standing Committee on Green Building, Commissioners Freedman and Otto

No meeting, no report.

Commissioner Goins requested that an outline of what each committee does be made available before he makes a decision. Discussion from the commissioners and staff was presented on ways to obtain that information on the City's website.

2. Standing Committee on Solar Mandate, Commissioners Freedman and Middleton

Commissioner Freedman reported on the Community Choice aggregation with CVAG. He also requested that a presentation from CVAG be made to the Commission on the topic. Commissioner Freedman will contact CVAG on making a presentation to the Commission.

3. Ad Hoc Committee on Waste Reduction, Commissioners McCann and Clark

Commissioner McCann reported that the bus to the MuRF tour will be at City Hall at 8:15 am on Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion from staff and Commissioners ensued regarding who will be attending and the details of the tour.

Commissioner McCann also reported on multi-family units that are out of compliance on recycling efforts and the problems that the facilities are facing.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

4. Ad Hoc Committee on the Sustainable Film Series, Commissioners Clark and Futterman

Commissioners Clark and Futterman reported on efforts to promote the Film Series online and requested

flyers again be made for the March film.

5. Active Transportation/Pedestrian Planning, Vice Chair Wilson

Vice Chair Wilson reported on CVAG grant opportunities for Active Transportation. He also stated that funding for pedestrian plans be made for budget review for the Engineering Department for the next fiscal year.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

6. Wellness, Commissioner Futterman – No report

7. Water, Commissioner Freedman

Commissioner Freedman reported on the DWA meeting and their sprinkler nozzle rebate starting next month. He also reported on smart water meter controllers. The water reduction for January was at 29% with an overall reduction at 24%.

8. Outreach, Commissioner Futterman – No report

**F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Futterman spoke on the need to get salad bars into the schools. Chair Jackson offered information on ways to proceed.

Commissioner Futterman also spoke on the “Chem Trails” in the sky and the possible harm they are doing. Commissioner Wangler stated that information can be obtained from NOAA and that the “Con Trails” are atmospheric weather driven and are not harmful.

Commissioner Clark requested information on how to proceed with direction of the City Council on the Leaf Blower ordinance. Director Schafer stated that the Council has requested the Commission look into more educational resources and outreach for the public/end user. Chair Jackson recommended that action for the Commission be placed on the agenda for the March 21, 2017 meeting.

- G. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 6:37 PM by a motion from Commissioner McCann and seconded by Commissioner Kibby. Unanimously approved. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 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