

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



**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 17, 2016 Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at **5:06** p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Futterman

**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 McCann 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	43		
Grant Wilson	X	44		
Roy Clark	X	6		
David Freedman	X	18		
Jennifer Futterman	X	9		
Robert McCann	E	8	2	
Nate Otto	E	23	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; David Ready, City Manager; Marcus Fuller, Assistant City Manager/City Engineer; Staci Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities.

**CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT –**

City Manager David Ready recommended that the Leaf Blower Staff Report be presented to City Council at the February 15, 2017 Council Meeting and the Solar Report at the March 1, 2017 Council Meeting.

Dr. Ready also stated that the presentation from Zagster be considered if Zagster will find the sponsors and funding at no cost to the City. Assistant City Manager Fuller stated that PSDS will report on tonnage recycled.

**Public Comments:**

Holly Hummel, Palm Springs (Snow Bird); spoke on support of the Leaf Blower Ban ordinance.

James Bass, Riverside; spoke on Greentech Media providing a handout on the ban of fuel powered generators.

**A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - None**

**B. PRESENTATIONS -**

1. Chris Cunningham and Bob Kusnick, Palm Springs Disposal Services (PSDS) spoke on disposal tonnage for the City of Palm Springs.
2. Jordan Klein, Zagster (by Powerpoint and telephone) – (Presented out of order of the Agenda)  
Mr. Klein reported on the Zagster bike sharing program that can be offered to the City at no cost. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

**C. MEETING MINUTES**

December 20, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes approval. Motion by Commissioner Freedman to approve as amended, second by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved.

**D. COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS**

Planning Commission, Lisa Middleton reported on the proposed Solar Mandate ordinance being proposed by the Sustainability Commission and the Planning Commission. She expanded on affordable housing and the costs associated with adding solar to a new or remodeled home. She also stated that a Cost/Benefit

Study is requested before the proposal goes to Council.

- E. RECYCLING REPORT**, Daniel DeGarmo, Staff, for Gary Calhoun in his absence, reported on a reusable plastic bag that could be used in HOA/Condo applications and split recycle/trash bin that can be placed in the same space as the one trash bin now.

Chair Jackson stated that the Waste Reduction Ad Hoc Committee could discuss with Gary Calhoun.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion of next steps regarding City Council review of the leaf blower regulations and mandatory solar regulations: Director Staci Schafer stated that this had already been addressed by City Manager David Ready's report.

Commissioner Freedman reported on updates to the Cost/Effectiveness study.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion and appointment of Parks & Recreation Commission liaison:

Chair Jackson reported that Travis Armstrong is the liaison to the Sustainability Commission from the Parks and Recreation Commission and asked that if any Sustainability Commissioner is interested in being the liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission to send an email to Dan DeGarmo and Joe Jackson. T

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

**H. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

1. Standing Committee on Green Building, Commissioners Freedman and Otto – No Report
2. Standing Committee on Solar Mandate, Commissioners Freedman and Middleton –  
Commissioner Freedman reported that the process is moving forward as reported. Director of Building and Safety Jim Zicaro reported that a meeting with the California Energy Commission is being held on January 18, 2017 to see what exactly is required to be presented to the CEC.
3. Ad Hoc Committee on Waste Reduction, Commissioners McCann and Clark – No Report  
Commissioner McCann stated that the MuRF tour is scheduled for February 23, 2017. A maximum of 15 persons is allowed. Discussion ensued on who would attend and who to ask from other City entities.
4. Ad Hoc Committee on Film Series, Commissioners Clark and Futterman reported that flyers for the Film Series were made and distributed.
5. Active Transportation/Pedestrian Planning, Vice-Chair Wilson reported that he has reached out to the Planning Commission on a walkability plan.
6. Wellness, Commissioner Futterman reported on World Environment Day, June 18, 2017 at the Palm Springs Pavilion.
7. Water, Commissioner Freedman reported on the DWA numbers for water reduction in December 2016 (14%) and on Turf Buy Back rebates. He also stated that DWA is working on their Capital update.
8. Outreach, Commissioner Futterman – No report.

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**I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS and STAFF COMMENTS**

Chair Jackson reported on the changes to the agenda for the standing committees and Ad Hoc committees. Commissioner Clark stated that there may be a challenge getting the Council Subcommittee and the Sustainability subcommittee on leaf blowers together before the proposed March submittal date.

- J. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 6:52 PM by a motion from Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Freedman. Unanimously approved. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 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