



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at **5:00** p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Wangler

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 Otto 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	45		
Grant Wilson	X	46		
Roy Clark	X	9		
David Freedman	X	20		
Jennifer Futterman	X	10		
Greg Gauthier	X	2		
John Goins	X	2		
Lauri Kibby	X	2		
Robert McCann	X	10	2	
Nate Otto	E	24	5	
Michael Wangler	X	2		

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; Staci Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities; Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator, and Marcus Fuller, Assistant City Manager.

CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT – Assistant City Manager Fuller introduced himself to the new commissioners. Chair Jackson requested that a discussion of new approaches for revenue streams for the Sustainability budget.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission – Lisa Middleton, liaison, reported on the progress of the Solar Mandate in the Planning Commission. The proposal should go through the Planning Commission either Apr12 or 26, 2017 and to the City Council on May 3 or17, 2017. She also stated that a report of the Planned Development District will go to the Planning Commission on April 12, 2017. Also, changes to the processes and rules governing extensions of time to projects will be discussed.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Travis Armstrong, liaison –.No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Darrel Ponisson, Palm Springs, spoke on the Leaf Blower ban on gas powered leaf blowers.

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - None

B. PRESENTATIONS – CVAG Community Solar, Katie Barrows spoke on Community Choice Energy (or Aggregation). A Power Point presentation was shown to the Commissioners.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

- C. MEETING MINUTES** February 21, 2017 meeting minutes approval: Motion by Commissioner Kibby to approve as presented, second by Commissioner Freedman and unanimously approved. Abstention by Commissioner Otto.
- D. RECYCLING REPORT,** Gary Calhoun reported on the recycling bags proposed to be tested out at HOA complexes. Mr. Calhoun also reported on the recycling needs at Kathryn Finchy school and on the upcoming April 22, 2017 Shredding event.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed. A request to provide education on battery disposal was presented by Commissioner Kibby.
- E. NEW BUSINESS**
1. Request of Council and Staff regarding Leaf Blower proposal.
Commissioner Clark reported on ways to move forward with training and education on the leaf blower ban.
 2. Appointment of Commissioners to various committees.
Chair Jackson appointed Commissioner Wangler to the Bicycle Route Maps Ad Hoc Committee and Commissioner Gauthier as the liaison for Integrated Pest Management with the Parks and Rec Commission.
 3. Discussion of new approaches for revenue streams for Sustainability Commission.
No further comments on this subject. Commissioner Gauthier requested that if an Ad Hoc committee is formed, he would like to be on it.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
- F. OLD BUSINESS**
1. Discussion on sponsoring the ONE-PS Picnic & Community Expo, March 25, 2017.
Chair Jackson reported that a schedule for the ONE-PS Picnic has been made and presented.
- G. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS**
1. Standing Committee on Green Building, Commissioners Freedman and Otto
No report, next meeting on March 23, 2017.
 2. Standing Committee on Solar Mandate, Commissioners Freedman and Middleton
No further comments made as this item was discussed earlier in the meeting.
 3. Ad Hoc Committee on Waste Reduction, Commissioners McCann and Clark
Commissioner McCann reported on the MuRF tour stating that it was beneficial to all who attended. Commissioner McCann also reported on multi-family units that are out of compliance problems complexes are having. He brought up the split bins for recycling and trash, but PSDS does not offer those bins at this time. He also reported on the possible use of multi-use recycle bags for families in multi-unit buildings.
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 reported that there was a large turnout for the Sustainability film this month.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
 5. Ad Hoc Committee on PSDS Franchise Agreement, Commissioner Clark and Chair Jackson.
After review, no changes to recommend to the agreement.
 6. Ad Hoc Committee on World Environment Day, Commissioners Futterman, Kibby and Wangler
Commissioner Futterman asked that the Commission adopt the World Environment Day event in Palm Springs and provide support for it. She requested the Commission to provide a \$2500.00 budget request for the Palm Springs event on June 4, 2017. As the request comes from an Ad Hoc Committee of three members, no second is required. Discussion ensued and a vote was unanimously passed by the Commission.
 7. Ad Hoc Committee on Bicycle Route Maps, Commissioners Goins, Kibby and Wangler.
Commissioner Goins reported on ways the committee has come up with on how to improve the map and that they are actively working on updating the routes.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

8. Active Transportation/Pedestrian Planning, Vice Chair Wilson

Vice Chair Wilson reported that there were no further developments but that funding needs to be expended before the end of this fiscal year.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

9. Wellness, Commissioner Futterman – No report

10. Water, Commissioner Freedman

Commissioner Freedman reported on the CV Water Count seminar and that DWA reported 35% water savings for the month of February and 24% cumulative.

11. Outreach, Commissioner Futterman – Commissioner Futterman asked if the CREEK newsletter could be sent out to the commissioners. Commissioner Futterman will provide newsletter to staff.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Clark commented on whether or not the Commission will sponsor the summer reading program at the library.

Commissioner Otto reported on possible CV Link shade structures. He also asked if staff considered sustainable efforts on the control of pests when looking for a new vendor.

Commissioner Goins asked if it is better to meet in large groups and get things done or continue to meet in smaller groups and then present to the Commission as a whole.

Commissioner Kibby asked about Active Transportation and the possible change to Indian Canyon to a two way street. Vice Chair Wilson explained that Indian Canyon is a specific project by the City Council and not a current project of Active Transportation. He also explained more about what Active Transportation is doing.

- I. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 6:52 PM by a motion from Vice Chair Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Kibby. Unanimously approved. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 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,

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