

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



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 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 Otto

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 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	41		
Grant Wilson	X	43		
Roy Clark	X	4		
Nancy Ferguson	X	14	1	
David Freedman	X	16		
Jennifer Futterman	X	5		
Robert McCann	X	7	1	
Nate Otto	X	22	3	

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 –

City Manager Ready reported on the Sustainability budget and the status of the department and Commission. He stated that Budget updates will be provided each month to the commission. He also stated that the Sustainability functions will be incorporated into the Community and Economic Development Department. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT –

City Attorney Doug Holland reported on the Brown Act requirements for a Standing Committee vs. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees. Status of subcommittees to be discussed at the next meeting. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

Public Comments:

James Bass, Riverside – Spoke on the prohibition of fuel fired back-up generators.

Christine Hammond, Palm Springs – Spoke on Measure J Commission and a request for themes for 2017-18.

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - None

B. MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2016 meeting minutes approval. Motion by Commissioner Freedman to approve as emailed and corrected, second by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved. Abstention by Commissioner Otto.

C. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

Parks and Recreation Liaison Commissioner Ferguson stated no meeting to report on.

D. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun was unable to be present. Daniel DeGarmo reported on the next recycling event on December 17, 2016. He also reported on the Tonnage report for October 2016. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Sustainability Commission Priorities, Vice Chair Wilson

Motion: Approve priorities of the Commission as listed in the Ad Hoc Sub-committee Report, and forward to City Council and Staff

Motion by Vice Chair Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Freedman.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

Motion was unanimously passed.

2. Report on Joint Study Session with Planning Commission, Dec 14, 11am, Commissioner Freedman reported on the Planning Commission Solar Mandate Study Session with participation by the Sustainability Commission. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
3. **Motion: Approve report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Leaf Blowers** (first reading), Commissioners Clark and Futterman, Chair Jackson
Commissioner Clark reported on the recommendations by the Ad Hoc committee to be presented to the City Council.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Landscaper Certification for Water Efficiency, Facilities and Maintenance Director Schafer reported on an updated CVAG certification class that must be taken in order to obtain a Business License in Palm Springs.
Correction: Action to be taken on the above: Motion: Adopt recommendation CVAG ordinance to the City of Palm Springs ordinance. Moved by Commissioner Ferguson, second by Vice Chair Wilson.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
Motion passed with a majority vote, Commissioner Otto abstaining.
2. Affordable Housing report, Commissioner Ferguson updated the commission on the housing situation in Palm Springs. She also mentioned the availability of The Racquet Club property in northern Palm Springs that may be available for affordable housing.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Water Conservation Subcommittee, Commissioner Freedman
Commissioner Freedman reported on the DWA requirement for only 3 day watering schedule now in effect, however City of Palm Springs received a variance for 5 days a week. He also reported on DWA's proposed rate increase and the process it is following under Prop 218, as well as on Staci Schafer's presentation on the Legacy Tree Program at the November ONE-PS meeting and his presentation at the Garden Club.
2. Outreach Subcommittee, Commissioner Futterman – No Report
3. Green Building/Solar Subcommittee. Commissioner Freedman – No further report
4. Waste Reduction Subcommittee. Commissioner McCann reported on a dehydration machine to reduce costs of organic waste recycling. He also reported on outreach for Assembly Bill 341 and dates for a possible tour of the MRF.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
5. Wellness Subcommittee, Chair Jackson – No Report
6. Active Transportation Subcommittee, Commissioner Ferguson reported that she met with Marcus Fuller and received a copy of a golf cart plan for the City.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Facilities and Maintenance Director Schafer stated that the study session will be run as a Planning Commission Study Session with Sustainability Commissioners present and providing input. She also stated that staff must be available for sub-committee meetings and that after hour meetings will

impact City resources and will need to be addressed in advance.

Chair Jackson asked for a show of hands who will be at the December meeting. More than a quorum will be available.

He also stated that he has encouraged Mayor Moon and Councilman Roberts to begin interviews for the 3 vacancies on the Commission.

- I. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 7:03 PM by a motion from Commissioner McCann and seconded by Commissioner Otto. Unanimously approved. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Commission members will be present at the Planning Commission Study Session on November 14, 2016 at 11:00 am but there will be no quorum of the Sustainability Commission. 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