

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



**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 18, 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 Chair Jackson

**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 Freedman and seconded by Commissioner Clark 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	40		
Grant Wilson	X	42		
Roy Clark	X	3		
Nancy Ferguson	X	13	1	
David Freedman	X	15		
Jennifer Futterman	X	4		
Robert McCann	X	6	1	
Nate Otto	E	21	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; Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator; 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 City Manager Ready was unable to attend meeting but will be at the November meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Sheila Cobrin, Palm Springs - Chair of Ecology Committee of ONE-PS reported that she is unhappy with the communication with her committee regarding the information they have gathered.

**A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - None**

**B. MEETING MINUTES**

September 13, 2016 meeting minutes approval. Motion by Commissioner Wilson to approve as presented, second by Commissioner McCann and unanimously approved.

**C. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

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

**D. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun**

1. Gary Calhoun reported on the October 15, 2016 Shredding Event at City Hall and the City Wide Clean-up. Two five-ton trucks were filled up with e-waste.
2. City-Wide Clean-up happening this week with large item collection at City Hall on Saturday, October 22, 2016.
3. Discussion with Chris Cunningham at PSDS regarding AB 341 and AB 1826 recycling issues. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

## **E. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on the Leaf Blower Study Session on October 24, 2016. Chair Jackson reviewed the process for the Leaf Blower Study Session and the expectations of the session. The Commission will listen to all Public Comments and the subcommittee will make recommendations to the Commission.
2. Review of Film Series Funding using recycling funds. Staff reported that a Purchase Order for \$700.00 has been prepared for the funding of two films for the Cultural Center at Camelot Theatre.

## **F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Assign a Subcommittee on Affordable Housing  
Commissioner Ferguson reported that she has an outline of a report and that she will be ready to report at the next meeting.
2. Discussion of Sustainability Commission Priorities for referral to City Staff and Council.  
Chair Jackson reported on the results from the survey that was sent to the Commissioners.  
Chair Jackson stated that he and Vice-Chair Wilson will get together and organize the priorities and present at the November meeting.  
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

## **G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Water Conservation Subcommittee, Commissioner Freedman  
Commissioner Freedman reported on the DWA meeting and that the water conservation number for September was at 8%. DWA will be focusing more on violations. He also reported that DWA will be raising rates. Jim Cioffi, President of DWA, will be available to speak at the December meeting if the Commission would like for him to come. DWA also gave the City of Palm Springs special permission to water 5 days a week subject to special restrictions. Other subjects included Turf Buy Back programs, recycled water at Demuth Park, tree replacement. Commissioner Freedman also stated that his Neighborhood Organization will be making a donation to the Legacy Tree Program and that other Neighborhood Organizations could also make donations if possible.  
Director Schafer volunteered to make a presentation for the ONE-PS meeting in November.
2. Outreach Subcommittee, Commissioner Futterman  
Commissioner Clark reported that they are working on promoting the film series at Camelot.
3. Green Building/Solar Subcommittee. Commissioner Freedman reported that the Planning Commission is agreeable to a Study Session for Solar mandates and a subsidy workshop.
4. Waste Reduction Subcommittee. Commissioner McCann reported that the overall goal of the committee is to convert 90.1% of solid waste by 2021. Currently we are at 80%. Also reported on recycling efforts at HOA's and businesses. Commissioner McCann also requested that the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) tour be scheduled as soon as a date can be determined. He also reported that the Edom Hill Waste Facility is now full and is only used as a transfer facility.
5. Wellness Subcommittee, Chair Jackson – No Report
6. Active Transportation Subcommittee, Commissioner Ferguson reported on efforts to promote public outreach and education on bicycle and pedestrian facilities.  
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

## **H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Jackson commented on the badges that were provided to the Commissioners.

- I. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 6:01 PM by a motion from Commissioner McCann and seconded by Commissioner Freedman. Unanimously approved. They adjourned to the Special Study Session to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers. 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 Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities  
For the Office of Sustainability