



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 Palm Springs Convention Center, Primrose C Conference Room

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Director Virata

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 Futterman 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	49		
Grant Wilson	X	50		
Roy Clark	X	13		
David Freedman	X	24		
Jennifer Futterman	X	14		
Greg Gauthier	X	6		
John Goins	X	5	2	
Robert McCann	X	14	2	
Michael Wangler	X	6		

X = Present

E = Excused (notified Chair and Staff of absence)

L = Late

U = did not notify of absence

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Staci Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities; Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator, Marcus Fuller, Assistant City Manager, Jay Virata, Director of Community & Economic Development.

CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT –

Assistant City Manager Fuller reported on the Leaf Blower Staff Report being presented to City Council. The report allows for two possibilities: ban on gas blowers only, or ban on all leaf blowers. He also commented on the AQMD exchange program. A demonstration on the gas and electric leaf blowers will be held at the City Council meeting on July 19, 2017.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission – Lisa Middleton, No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Stone, Palm Springs – Spoke about solar power.

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – None

B. PRESENTATIONS

Christine Hammond, Measure J Commission, gave an update on Measure J Commission projects. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

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June 20, 2017 meeting minutes approval: Motion by Vice Chair Wilson to approve as presented, second by Commissioner Gauthier and unanimously approved.

D. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun reported on adding a third recycling Saturday only event with PSDS. He also reported on the AB1826 Commercial Organics Recycling requirements. Gary also reported on having 4 Recycling and E-waste events per year, the closing of the 24 hour E-waste bin, and the Construction and Demolition ordinance proposal. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy possible projects for grants - Commissioner Gauthier reported on the CVMC Prop 1 grants and Friends of Palm Springs Mountains possible collaboration. He suggested creating an ad hoc committee with Planning Commission participation to work on the project.
 2. Resolution on Preferred Construction and Demolition Hauling - Standing Committee on Waste Reduction. Commissioner McCann reported on initial steps to getting an ordinance to City Council. More information will be available at the September meeting. Meetings will be held to obtain information. Commissioner McCann also reported on the Anaerobic Digestion Facility tour and the possibility of getting a similar facility built somewhere in the Coachella Valley.
 3. Commission Chair and Vice Chair elections for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year. – Tabled until the September meeting on a motion by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Futterman. Approved unanimously on a vote.
- Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Plans for Sustainability Booth at the Farmer's Market - Commissioner Wangler - no update, continued to the September meeting.
2. ZNE Workshop – Commissioners Freedman and Goins. Commissioner Freedman reported on the progress of the Zero Net Energy Workshop and the request for funds from the Sustainability Commission for the Workshop. Commissioner Freedman motioned and Commissioner Goins seconded the following:
Motion: Authorize up to \$10,000.00 for a ZNE Workshop subject to being reduced by donations and with a refined budget request being presented at the September 19, 2017 meeting.
NO DISCUSSION, motion passed unanimously.

G. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. Standing Committee on Green Building, Commissioners Freedman and Otto
Commissioner Freedman reported that the committee has submitted a proposal to the Modernism week for a one hour presentation on ZNE.
2. Standing Committee on Solar Mandate, Commissioners Freedman and Middleton
Commissioner Freedman reported that the solar mandate ordinance has been postponed until at least the September meetings. Also, City Council has approved participation in the CVAG Community Choice Aggregation program. He also reported on the FAA Low Emissions Program and that Palm Springs Airport is eligible for grants. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
3. Standing Committee on Waste Reduction, Commissioners McCann and Clark
No further report.
4. Standing Committee on Active Transportation, Vice-Chair Wilson, Commissioner Gauthier – No Report
5. Ad Hoc Committee on Budget, Commissioners Goins, Clark and Wangler
Commissioner Goins reported on ways to use the budget to support the Sustainability Master Plan. Meetings were held with staff and committee members to determine how best to develop the budget effectively. He suggested having a yearly budgeting/planning meeting. He would like to see where the Commission can give feedback to the City Council and staff on issues related to Sustainability. Feedback is needed from the Commissioners on whether or not to have a full time staff person dedicated to Sustainability. The suggestion was made to have a study session before the September meeting for a budget discussion. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
6. Ad Hoc Committee on Bicycle Route Maps, Commissioners Goins and Wangler
Commissioner Wangler reported that the bike map issue is temporarily stalled and issues are being worked out.
7. Wellness, Commissioner Futterman reported that the Cielo Vista school requested a letter of recommendation for a shade structure grant and watering stations. Comments and questions from the

commissioners were presented and discussed.

8. Water, Commissioner Freedman reported that DWA issued a resolution to the City of Palm Springs in recognition for its water conservation. He also reported that cumulative savings are at 21% since June.

9. Outreach, Commissioner Futterman reported that she has not had a chance to work on the class workshops that were discussed at an earlier meeting. Chair Jackson requested that she prepare a report for the September meeting. Commissioner Futterman also reported that she was approached by a person who is interested in volunteering as a student liaison to the Commission. Chair Jackson requested that their contact information be sent to him for further follow up. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Jackson reported stated that there are now two vacancies on the commission and asked that if any of the commissioners know of someone who is interested in becoming a commissioner to please have them apply.

I. STAFF COMMENTS –

Director Schafer stated that Director Virata has now officially taken over as the Staff representative to the Sustainability Commission.

J. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 7:13 PM by a motion from Commissioner Gauthier and seconded by Commissioner McCann. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in the Large Conference Room at the Palm Springs 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,

Jay Virata, Director of Community and Economic Development, For the Office of Sustainability