



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 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 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 McCann and seconded by Commissioner Gauthier 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	48		
Grant Wilson	X	49		
Roy Clark	X	12		
David Freedman	X	23		
Jennifer Futterman	X	13		
Greg Gauthier	X	5		
John Goins	E	3	2	
Lauri Kibby	E	3	2	
Robert McCann	X	13	2	
Nate Otto	X	27	5	
Michael Wangler	X	5		

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 –

Report on City Council Discussions Regarding Leaf Blower Regulations – Councilmember Kors addressed the issues that City Council brought up at the June 7, 2017 City Council meeting. An educational tool on the use of leaf blowers was discussed.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

No Report from Assistant City Manager Fuller.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission – Lisa Middleton, Gave an update on the solar mandate recommendations going before City Council on July 5, 2017. She also reported on a new Cooling Station in Palm Springs

Parks and Recreation Commission – Travis Armstrong, liaison – Not present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Jay Virata, Director of Community & Economic Development was introduced.

B. PRESENTATIONS

Jim Karpiak, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy gave a report on the Proposition 1 funding availability. Multi-benefit projects will get a higher priority. Multi-benefit projects are those that benefit both water quality and habitat as well as assisting disadvantaged communities. He also reported on projects that are ongoing. Applications are being encouraged.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

Andy Ike and James Burn – Envision Solar – Solar Powered Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
Andy Ike gave a presentation on the EV Ark solar powered electric charging station and its benefits.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

C. MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2017 meeting minutes approval: Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve as presented, second by Vice Chair Wilson and unanimously approved.

D. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun reported that the Annual Recycling Report is open and due by August 1, 2017. This year the report will include a report on AB341 and organic recycling. No Comments or questions from the commissioners.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Should the Sustainability Commission members staff a booth at the Farmer's Market one time a month?

Chair Jackson presented the question to the Commission members and asked for discussion.

Commissioner Wangler described in more detail the event and requested volunteers to help man the booth. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Follow-up on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations research

Commissioner McCann reported on process of monitoring the use of the EV Charging stations.

Commissioner Otto reported that if the City charges for the stations, then the monitoring data is included.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

Director Schafer reported that the City is in the process of obtaining a franchise agreement for the chargers.

G. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. Standing Committee on Green Building, Commissioners Freedman and Otto

Commissioner Freedman reported that the committee is continuing the process of having a ZNE workshop for the Fall of 2017 and an interior green building techniques during Modernism Week 2018.

Budget for the workshop was also discussed and the purpose of the workshop was defined.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

Motion to refer funding request to the Budget Subcommittee made by Commissioner Freedman and seconded by Commissioner Gauthier. No further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Standing Committee on Solar Mandate, Commissioners Freedman and Middleton

Commissioner Freedman reported that the solar mandate ordinance will be on the City Council agenda for July 5, 2017. He also stated that there will be discussion on Community Choice Aggregation on City Council agenda to provide direction to Mayor Moon for the CVAG Executive Committee meeting. Council will also consider a resolution calling on the City to support the Paris Climate Agreement. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

3. Standing Committee on Waste Reduction, Commissioners McCann and Clark

Commissioner McCann reported that the subcommittee met with Staff and Chris Cunningham (PSDS) to discuss next moves and define action items for the subcommittee. Three action items were identified: Educational flyers for providing information to managers and owners of businesses producing food waste informing them of AB1826; To summarize joint efforts between PSDS and Waste recovering system subcommittee to increase level of compliance with state assembly bill 341 to arrange recycling services; to resurrect a recommendation to the City Council for an ordinance to adopt Desert Valley Disposal's preferred construction and demolition hauler program. Commissioner McCann spoke with Desert Hot Springs Community Development Director Daniel Porras who stated that the program is working well in DHS. Chair Jackson directed that the subcommittee draft a recommendation to the City Council for the July meeting. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

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 Wangler stated that the committee report was provided to the Commission for feedback. More substantial information will be provided next month. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

6. Ad Hoc Committee on Film Series, Commissioners Clark and Futterman

Commissioner Futterman reported that the last Sustainability Film was very well attended. She requested that an agenda item for discussion for support of future films be placed on the July or September meeting. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

7. Ad Hoc Committee on World Environment Day, Commissioners Futterman, Kibby, and Wangler

Commissioner Futterman reported that the event was a success and provided a video taken by Diana Shay for the Commissioners to watch. Suggestions for ways to make the event better were presented. She also requested that a funding request be placed on the agenda for September 2017. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

8. Ad Hoc Committee on Bicycle Route Maps, Commissioners Goins and Wangler.

Commissioner Wangler reported that the map is being developed by the graphic designer and that a draft will be provided to the Commission at the July meeting.

9. Wellness, Commissioner Futterman requested that an agenda item for September 2017 meeting be placed to discuss watering stations. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

10. Water, Commissioner Freedman reported that DWA reported a 28% water reduction in May with a cumulative total of 24%. He also stated that state law preempts the City from banning water softeners, as requested by a citizen.

11. Outreach, Commissioner Futterman reported that there is an opportunity to educate the community.

She also requested that an agenda item to be placed to discuss workshops to better educate the community. Commissioner Wangler asked that the Commission place a recommendation to the City Council to recognize October as Sustainability month. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

H. RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER NATE OTTO

Chair Jackson recognized Commissioner Otto for his service on the Sustainability Commission as this is his last meeting for his term on the Commission. Commissioner Otto expressed his gratitude for being on the Commission.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Jackson reported on a solar project that airports in other cities are placing solar panels in the periphery of their facilities. He suggested that Palm Springs may want to look into this project. Commissioner Freedman stated that he would look into the project.

J. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 7:10 PM by Chair Jackson. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 in the Primrose C Conference Room at the Palm Springs Convention Center. 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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