



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 16, 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 Commissioner Goins

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. He proposed a change to the agenda on item F5 to read "Ad Hoc Committee on Leaf Blowers, Commissioner Clark and Chair Jackson". A motion to approve as amended by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Goins 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	47		
Grant Wilson	X	48		
Roy Clark	X	11		
David Freedman	X	22		
Jennifer Futterman	X	12		
Greg Gauthier	X	4		
John Goins	X	3	1	
Lauri Kibby	E	3	1	
Robert McCann	X	12	2	
Nate Otto	X	26	5	
Michael Wangler	X	4		

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, Savat Khamphou, Senior Civil Engineer, and Marcus Fuller, Assistant City Manager, Tom Garcia, Director of Engineering Services.

CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT – No Report.

Senior Civil Engineer Savat Khamphou reported on status of the Dunn Road Remediation project. The Engineering Department is looking for a consultant who can monitor the situation for a period of 20 years. One big issue is that we only have prescriptive rights to the land, and have to pass through privately owned land to get to the parcel.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

Preliminary Budget Report to date – Director Schafer reported on the Sustainability Budget expenditures to date. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

Chair Jackson requested that the 2017-18 budget be directed to a more specific project rather than be spread out among several smaller projects.

Assistant City Manager reported on the Recycling Fund Budget and the Sustainability Fund. He suggested that the Commission can focus on ways to promote Recycling programs as there is money available in that budget. He also stated that the Commission should determine how best and how much to spend on projects important to the Commission. He went through the budget and expenditures line by line to show what is available for the next fiscal year.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

An Ad Hoc committee on Budget Review was created to review the proposed budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Commissioners Clark, Goins and Wangler were named to the sub-committee.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission – Lisa Middleton, Gave an update on the solar ordinance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - None

B. MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2017 meeting minutes approval: Motion by Vice Chair Wilson to approve as presented, second by Commissioner Gauthier and unanimously approved. Abstention by Commissioner Goins.

C. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun reported that the construction debris report is consistent through the years on a seasonally basis. A completed report will be sent to the Commissioners once received in the office. Mr. Calhoun also reported that the State has confirmed that the City is in compliance with AB939 recycling efforts. Also, the April 22nd Shred Event was very successful. Also, an application for a beverage container grant has been submitted. Finally, Mr. Calhoun is available to work with Commissioners on battery recycling. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report/Update on possible new EV Charging Stations – Commissioners Otto and McCann.

Motion: That the Downtown Redevelopment Area include new EV Charging stations established through private, public or grant funding.

Commissioner McCann presented a Power Point presentation on current electric vehicle usage and preliminary figures on future demand for electric versus gas powered vehicles. The current infrastructure and amount of charging stations will not be adequate for future needs. He also stated that he will be reaching out to the Aqua Caliente Indian Tribe to see what if anything they are planning to do in terms of EV charging stations at their casinos and hotels.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Freedman.

Discussion on motion by Commissioners and an amended motion was presented. The Amended Motion was made by Commissioner Clark and second by Commissioner Otto.

Motion: “That the existing and future downtown redevelopment projects include new EV Charging stations established through private, public or grant funding.” The amended motion passed unanimously.

2. Appoint Standing Committee Members for Waste Reduction and Active Transportation.

Chair Jackson commented that there is enough work to collect together to have a standing committee on Waste Reduction and Active Transportation/Pedestrian Planning. He proposed that the current Ad Hoc committees be transitioned to standing committees. Discussion from the commissioners ensued on both committees and Chair Jackson appointed Commissioners McCann and Clark to the Standing Subcommittee on Waste Reduction and Vice Chair Wilson, Commissioners Kibby and Gauthier to the Standing Subcommittee on Active Transportation and Pedestrian Planning as there will be identifiable goals for both of these committees now and in the future.

3. Discussion: Should the Sustainability Commission support Commissioner Otto’s request to list (for the media, etc) the Sustainability Commission/City as a "sponsor" of the Bike Drive that is ongoing? There is no money involved, just a PR thing. All bikes are dropped off at HPE.

Motion: That the Sustainability Commission support the listing of the Sustainability Commission/City as a “sponsor” of the Bike Drive currently ongoing in the City of Palm Springs.

Commissioner Otto explained the bike program and how it works. He asked that the Sustainability Commission endorse the program. Second by Commissioner Futterman. Motion passed unanimously.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report on the “Bicycle Friendly City” Application process

Mr. DeGarmo reported that the application has been started and that assistance from the Engineering

Department is needed. Commissioner Wangler also offered his assistance in completing the application.

F. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. Standing Committee on Green Building, Commissioners Freedman and Otto
Commissioner Freedman reported that the committee is working on a ZNE seminar for the Fall of 2017 and a second one during Modernism Week.
2. Standing Committee on Solar Mandate, Commissioners Freedman and Middleton
Commissioner Freedman reported that the Planning Commission approved the solar mandate ordinance and to move forward with sending the ordinance to the City Council.
3. Ad Hoc Committee on Waste Reduction, Commissioners McCann and Clark
Commissioner Clark reported that they are working on Battery Recycling program
4. Ad Hoc Committee on Film Series, Commissioners Clark and Futterman
Commissioner Futterman reported that the last Sustainability Film will be on May 27th.
5. Ad Hoc Committee on Leaf Blowers, Commissioner Clark and Chair Jackson
Commissioner Clark reported that the result of testing an electrical leaf blower has determined that with the continuous use of the blowers the batteries only last 45 minutes. Commissioner Clark is in the process of meeting with the Stihl representative to discuss this issue. The Leaf Blower ordinance will go before the City Council on May 24, 2017
6. Ad Hoc Committee on World Environment Day, Commissioners Futterman, Kibby, and Wangler
Commissioner Futterman reported on the preparation for the World Environment Day. Chair Jackson requested that the City put out a press release on the event.
7. Ad Hoc Committee on Bicycle Route Maps, Commissioners Goins and Wangler.
Commissioner Wangler reported that the final refinement of the updated map is in process and close to being sent to production.
8. Active Transportation/Pedestrian Planning, Vice-Chair Wilson – No Report
9. Wellness, Commissioner Futterman – No Report
10. Water, Commissioner Freedman
Commissioner Freedman reported on the DWA spreadsheet on water usage. The City of Palm Springs has reached a reduction of 37%.
11. Outreach, Commissioner Futterman – No Report.
Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wangler reported that the Farmer's Market at the Pavilion has offered to have a table for the Sustainability Commission once a month or so. Chair Jackson asked that this be agendaized for a future meeting.

Commissioner Freedman reported on requirements under the Public Records Act following a recent California Supreme Court decision involving San Jose on communication and emails.

Commissioner Goins asked about economic sustainability and where the Commission is going with this subject.

Commissioner Gauthier stated that Jim Karpiak from CVMC will be presenting at the next meeting.

Director Schafer stated that Rami and Company received an award for the Sustainability Master Plan from the APA Inland Empire on the Green Community Living.

- ## **H. ADJOURNMENT**
- The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 7:34 PM by a motion from Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Gauthier. Unanimously approved. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 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,

Staci A. Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, For the Office of Sustainability