



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 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 Freedman

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 changed by Commissioner Freedman 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	52		
Grant Wilson	X	53		
Roy Clark	X	16		
David Freedman	X	27		
Jennifer Futterman	X	17		
Greg Gauthier	X	7	2	
John Goins	X	8	2	
Robert McCann	X	15	4	
Michael Wangler	U	6	2	

X = Present

E = Excused (notified Chair and Staff of absence)

L = Late

U = did not notify of absence

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Jay Virata, Director of Community & Economic Development, Daniel DeGarmo, Clerical Assistant, Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator.

CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT –

Tom Garcia, Director of Engineering; Savat Khamphou, Senior Civil Engineer, and Franco Laurie, Senior Civil Engineer spoke on grants that are applicable to the Sustainability Commission: Dunn Road cleanup, Indian Canyon 2-way conversion, CVAG grant for missing link sidewalks, CVAG grant for \$6 Million for traffic signals, pedestrian safety improvements, the curve at South Palm Canyon and East Palm Canyon and a walkability plan. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission – Lisa Middleton, No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dara Shay, Palm Springs – Senior at Palm Springs High School, requested to be a junior liaison on the Sustainability Commission. She presented a letter of recommendation from her Principal.

Christine Hammond, Palm Springs – Spoke on sidewalks requesting that shade structures and benches be built into the plan. She also spoke on the Monarch Butterfly Habitat and desert milkweed plant.

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – None

B. PRESENTATIONS

Dominique Hargreaves, “WELL Community Standard”, International WELL Building Institute
Presenter was unable to be present and will be rescheduled.

This time was used for Item E.4. Bike Maps update:

David Dixon, Designer, spoke on the design of the updated bike map for the City of Palm Springs.

Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

C. MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2017 Study Session minutes approval: Motion by Vice Chair Clark to approve as amended, second by Commissioner Freedman and approved by an open vote, abstentions by Commissioners McCann and Gauthier.

September 13, 2017 Special Meeting minutes approval: Motion by Vice Chair Clark to approve as amended, second by Commissioner Goins and approved by an open vote, abstentions by Commissioners McCann and Gauthier.

D. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun reported on the Beverage Container Grant received by the City. He also gave updates on the C&D Ordinance and the Shredding and E-Waste event. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Plans for Sustainability Booth at the Farmer's Market - Commissioner Wangler
No report as Commissioner Wangler is absent. Commissioner Futterman will continue working on this topic.
2. ZNE Shoptalk 2017 – Commissioners Freedman and Goins: Commissioner Freedman reported that sponsors have been confirmed so that the total amount to be spent should be around \$7000.00. Commissioner Goins reported on the ZNE event scheduled at the Modernism CAMP.
3. Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy possible projects for grants - Commissioner Gauthier reported on CVMC grants available. Director Virata gave further information on the grants that the City has received and are requesting.
4. Bike Maps- Ad Hoc Committee on Bicycle Route Maps – Commissioners Goins and Wangler.- This item was moved to Agenda item B. See above.
Comments and questions on the above from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ad Hoc Committee on Budget and Priorities- Summary Report on 2017-18 Budget and Priorities
Commissioner Goins and Vice Chair Clark. Vice Chair Clark spoke on the budget priorities identified in the Sustainability Master Plan as items of interest for the Commission. Commissioner Goins spoke on the amount of funding available. Vice Chair Clark requested that the Commission look at each item one by one. Commissioner Goins gave brief descriptions of each item listed on a short list Commissioners expressed their interest in items they would like to see occur. (See attached list). Regular updates on the Cogen Plant expenditure to Chevron was requested by Commissioner Goins. Commissioner Clark requested that City staffing for Sustainability be addressed also.
2. MOTION by Commissioner Futterman: To approve a budget of \$1500 for World Environment Day, June 3, 2018, from the Recycling Fund. Amended motion to remove “from the Recycling Fund” was presented by Commissioner Goins and Seconded by Commissioner Gauthier. Amended motion passed unanimously. Comments and questions on the above from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
3. Appoint an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Film Festival Programs – Commissioner Futterman
Chair Jackson stated that more work on this project be conducted and brought back next month. Chair Jackson appointed himself and Commissioner Futterman to the Film Festival Ad Hoc committee. Commissioner Gauthier expressed interest in helping out also.
Comments and questions on the above from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

G. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. Standing Committee on Green Building - Commissioners Freedman and Goins – No further report.
2. Standing Committee on Solar Mandate - Commissioners Freedman and Middleton – Commissioner Freedman reported on the Solar Mandate before the City Council and that the Council will not consider an ordinance at this time as the State Mandate will be placed in effect in 2020. The City Council may contemplate a resolution on solar.
3. Standing Committee on Waste Reduction - Commissioner McCann and Vice Chair Clark –

Commissioner McCann reported Construction and Debris diversion percentages being required by the State and the possibility of an ordinance by the City.

4. Standing Committee on Active Transportation - Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Gauthier. Commissioner Wilson reported on the walkability plan grant that requires a \$50,000.00 match from the City. He requested that the matching funds may be taken from the Sustainability budget and that if not, then there are other funding options available. Commissioner Wilson also reported that a spot project be done for shade structures on sidewalks.

5. Wellness - Commissioner Futterman – No report

6. Water - Commissioner Freedman reported that the September water conservation number was at 10% and DWA has expressed support for Delta tunnels and will be reviewing financing options.

7. Outreach - Commissioner Futterman asked about maintaining the Sustainability website.

Comments and questions from the commissioners on the above reports were presented and discussed.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Jackson stated that he is working on a brochure about what is the Sustainability Commission and what they do..

I. STAFF COMMENTS –

None

J. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 7:00 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, November 21, 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