



# COMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: 01/16/18	SUBMITTED BY: David Freedman
COMMITTEE NAME: Standing Committee on Green Building & Solar	SUBMITTED DATE: 01/09/18
COMMITTEE MEETING DATES: 12/18/17 and 01/08/18	NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES: Week of 02/05/18

### Committee Meeting Goals:

- Discuss Modernism Week Sustainability and Modernism workshop.
- Provide update on City Council solar resolution.
- Provide update on Desert Community Energy implementation.

### Summary:

At their meetings, Committee members discussed the Modernism Week Modernism and Sustainability workshop on Sunday, February 18, 2018. The December 18 meeting included a conference call with the speakers to discuss the orientation of the workshop, deliverables and timelines. As the landscape designer who was originally scheduled to present had to withdraw, another presenter is being lined up. Committee members then discussed the draft presentation sent by the speaker from the US Green Building Council. It was decided to focus the presentation on air, light and comfort. Commissioner Goins will follow up with the speaker from the US Green Building Council. Commissioner Freedman discussed his draft Home Renovation Sustainability Checklist, based on his experience renovating his home with a sustainability objective. Commissioner Freedman will add some photos to the checklist, so it can be provided as a handout to workshop attendees.

Commissioner Freedman provided an update on the solar resolution that the City Council unanimously adopted at its January 3 meeting. The resolution states that the Director of Planning Services, the Planning Commission and/or the City Council shall give preference to requiring the provision of solar photovoltaic systems for new single-family and multifamily residential construction as a condition of approval of discretionary applications. The wattage of the required solar photovoltaic system shall generally be equivalent to two watts times the total square footage of the residential dwelling unit. The applicant is responsible for demonstrating the need to reduce the required wattage or eliminate the requirement. Once the resolution is formally promulgated by the City Clerk, Commissioner Freedman asked that it be included as part of the Commission’s agenda packet. Commissioner Freedman will also follow up with National League of Cities to see if Palm Springs could be designated as by the league as a SolSmart city.

Finally, Commissioner Freedman provided a brief update on the implementation of Desert Community Energy, the Community Choice Aggregation electricity program sponsored by CVAG that will become effective in July. CVAG is still working on its communications policy. Commissioner Freedman has advised CVAG that the Commission is available to assist with outreach to the Palm Springs community.

**Recommendation/Request:**

**Continuing working with stakeholders on ZNE issues as the State moves towards adopting the 2019 Building Codes. Work with CVAG on CCA implementation.**

<b>ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION</b>	<b>None at this time.</b>
<b>ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY</b>	<b>Post ZNE materials as they become available. Promote Modernism Week workshop.</b>
<b>POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:</b>	<b>Modernism Week's \$500 fee to defray costs for the Modernism and Sustainability workshop was charged to the funds leftover following the November 2017 ZNE seminar.</b>