



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

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

A moment of silence was called in remembrance of Michele Mician, former Manager of the Office of Sustainability.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Santora

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 posted by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Santora and unanimously carried.

	<u>This Meeting</u>	<u>Present to Date</u>	<u>FY 2017/2018 Excused Absences</u>	<u>FY 2017/2018 Unexcused Absences</u>
Joe Jackson	X	54		
Roy Clark	X	18		
Grant Wilson	X	55		
David Freedman	X	29		
Jennifer Futterman	E	18	1	
Greg Gauthier	X	9	2	
John Goins	X	10	2	
Robert McCann	X	17	4	
T Santora	X	1		
Michael Wangler	X	7	1	2 – Resigned 12/19/2017
Dara Shay – Student Rep	X	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, and Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator.

CITY MANAGER / STAFF COMMENTS –

1. Director of Facilities and Maintenance Staci Schafer reported on the status of the Cogen Plant. The City has not yet formally accepted the responsibility of the plant and the City is benefitting from the operation of the plant. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
2. Director of Community and Economic Development Jay Virata announced the resignation of Commissioner Wangler. Commissioner Wangler made a statement to the Commission. Director Virata also stated that the City Council tabled their discussion on Commission/Committee liaisons. Director Virata then reported that the Sustainability Brochure is now in the process of being assigned out to be designed and then printed. The Energy, Water and Green Living Summit was brought up for discussion as to whether or not the Commission wants to participate in the event and if so, at what level of participation.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

No reports.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dara Shay, High School Representative commented that she has developed a survey to be given to students and staff at Palm Springs High School.

Christine Hammond, Palm Springs, commented on non-motorized transportation, specifically walkability and sidewalk work going on in the City.

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Jackson introduced the two new Commissioners, T Santora and Carl Baker. Commissioner Santora gave a brief statement about his background. Mr Baker has not officially been sworn in and did not make a statement.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Safe Non-Smoking Public Space and Tobacco Retail Licensing – Presentation was postponed due to an emergency from one of the presenters.

C. MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes approval: Motion by Commissioner Freedman to approve as presented, second by Commissioner Gauthier and approved by an open vote. Abstention by Commissioner Santora.

- D. RECYCLING REPORT,** Gary Calhoun reported on the Shredding and E-Waste event and stated that only 20 vehicles showed up for the event. Chair Jackson requested that maybe we need more avenues to let people know about the event.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Direct Staff on Construction and Demolition Ordinance – Commissioner McCann, Vice Chair Clark, Staff – Commissioner McCann reported that a meeting with Councilmember Kors was held and that a decision was made to move forward with the C&D Ordinance. A draft of the ordinance was written by Gary Calhoun and edits were made by commissioners. Director Virata stated that the ordinance will be up for discussion on the January 24, 2018 City Council Meeting. Chair Jackson directed that the standing committee continue to work on the ordinance and make it ready for City Council. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed. Commissioner McCann made the motion to advance the ordinance report to the City Council with a second by Commissioner Santora. The motion passed with an open vote with Commissioner Goins abstaining.
2. Ad Hoc Committee on Film Festival Programs – Commissioner Futterman, Chair Jackson. No report
3. Plans for Sustainability Booth at the Farmer’s Market - Commissioner Futterman. Mr. DeGarmo stated that there was little response to the Doodle poll and that he spoke with Commissioner Futterman who stated that we just need to pick a Saturday and see who can fill the spots. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
4. Continuing Discussion on Sustainability Priorities, Budget, and Activity Plans for FY 2017-18 and beyond.
 - a. Green Jobs – Commissioner Goins reported on GPro and Green Apple programs for High School students. Dara Shay stated that a job fair will be held at the high school and that this would be a good setting for the GPro program.
 - b. Eco Travel – Commissioner Futterman – No Report
 - c. Water Priorities – Commissioner Freedman – with his report on Water
 - d. Product Stewardship – Commissioners McCann and Vice Chair Clark – No Report
 - e. Leaf Blower Training – Vice Chair Clark and Chair Jackson – No Report

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

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on banning single use polystyrene food containers, per Councilperson JR Roberts – Chair Jackson stated that Councilperson Roberts requested that the Sustainability Commission review and report on banning Styrofoam containers. Comments and questions on the above from the commissioners were presented and discussed. Chair Jackson directed that the Waste Reduction Standing Committee review the action and report back to the Commission.
2. “Mayor’s Pledge” regarding Milkweeds for Monarchs – Vice Chair Clark reported on the program and ways for the City to get involved. Chair Jackson created an Ad Hoc Committee to research the program and report back to the Commission. The Committee will consist of Vice Chair Clark, Commissioner Futterman and Christine Hammond from the general public.

3. Plans for Remembrances for Michele Mician – Discussion was held on ways to remember Michele. Chair Jackson stated that past Commissioners and others who knew her are looking into ways to remember her. Director Virata stated that the City has plans to plant a tree in her honor at City Hall. Chair Jackson will work with a group of people who are also making plans for a remembrance. Comments and questions on the above from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

G. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. Standing Committee on Solar and Green Building - Commissioners Freedman and Goins – Commissioner Goins reported on the Modernism Week Zero Net Energy event. Commissioner Freedman reported on the Solar proposal before the City Council and that direction from the City Council may be a resolution to direct the Planning Commission to require solar on new single family housing. Commissioner Freedman also reported on the Desert Community Energy Community Choice Aggregation program.
 2. Standing Committee on Waste Reduction - Commissioner McCann and Vice Chair Clark – Commissioner McCann reported on a prior curb-side pickup of household hazardous waste and that it ended in Palm Springs due to lack of interest. He also reported that the cost to the City could be up to \$35,000.0 per year. Vice Chair Clark reported that he has been looking into battery recycling and places that they could be taken for recycling. He also stated that a company called Battery Solutions would be able to assist in setting up a program for recycling household batteries. He stated that this company does break down the battery parts and use them for various products for resale. Battery Solutions also offers as a part of their services containers for use to collect and return used batteries.
 3. Standing Committee on Active Transportation - Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Gauthier. Commissioner Wilson reported that Commissioner Gauthier has researched the \$50,000.00 match from the City is already be a part of the 2010 Tahquitz Creek Trail Plan and that no further action will be necessary to obtain funding.
 4. Wellness - Commissioner Futterman – No report
 5. Water - Commissioner Freedman requested that a water conservation program be funded for the FY 2018-19 budget. He also reported on maintenance of City easement between the street and the sidewalk and who is responsible for that maintenance.
 6. Outreach - Commissioner Futterman – No report
- Comments and questions from the commissioners on the above reports were presented and discussed.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS -

Chair Jackson reported that the Dunn Road site visit will take place on January 4, 2018.

- I. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 6:37 PM by a motion from Commissioner Gauthier and seconded by Commissioner Goins and approved by a unanimous vote. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 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