

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
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September 16, 2014
5:00 p.m.

**REGULAR
MEETING AGENDA**



Palm Springs City Hall
City Council Chambers
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92264

COMMISSIONERS	Brett Klein, Chair
Travis Armstrong	Tara Lazar
Thom Bettinger	Nate Otto
Michael Birnberg	Mark Polischak
Orlando Gotay	Grant Wilson
Joseph Jackson, Vice Chair	Victor Yepello

Staff representatives: Michele Mician, Sustainability Manager
 Arwel Bermudo, Clerical Assistant
 Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator

City of Palm Springs Vision Statement: Palm Springs aspires to be a unique world-class desert community, where residents and visitors enjoy our high quality of life and a relaxing experience. We desire to balance our cultural and historical resources with responsible, sustainable economic growth and enhance our natural desert beauty. We are committed to providing responsive, friendly, and efficient customer service in an environment that fosters unity among all our citizens.

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CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

CITY MANAGER REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS: This time is for members of the public to address the Sustainability Commission on Agenda items and items of general interest within the subject matter within jurisdiction of the City. The Commission values your comments but, pursuant to the Brown Act, cannot take action on items not listed on the posted Agenda. Three (3) minutes for each speaker.

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION(S) (5 MINUTES)

1. Flinn Fagg, New City Planning Director

B. PRESENTATIONS (50 MINUTES)

1. Melissa Desmarais, Bicycle Theft Update
2. Jim Zicaro, Solar Permitting and Fast Tracking
3. Jeff Hocker, Cycledelic and Mayor's Race Updates
4. Dan Spencer, Architect, Walkability Plan for Palm Springs

C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION LIAISON REPORT (5 MINUTES)

D. RECYCLING REPORT (5 MINUTES)

E. SUSTAINABILITY MANAGERS REPORT (10 MINUTES)

1. Grant Updates
 - i. Overview of Grant Funding
 - ii. Urban Forestry Initiative
 - iii. Sustainability Master Plan Update
2. Bicycle Parking Update

3. Water Task Force
4. Public Outreach Campaigns
 - (i) Water
 - (ii) Plastic Bags
 - (iii) NMTP
 - (iv) Energy

F. OLD BUSINESS

(5 MINUTES)

1. Vote on Bee Keeping Policy
RECOMMENDATION: Subcommittee recommends that there be no continued review, study sessions, or changes in city code regarding bees.

G. NEW BUSINESS

(15 MINUTES)

1. Vote on Resolution for National Parks Program
RECOMMENDATION: Review and recommend to City Council the approval of the National Parks Conservation resolution endorsing creation of an environmental education center in Joshua Tree Park.
2. Vote on Water Conservation Measures funding
RECOMMENDATION: Consider funding a comprehensive water incentive and education program by transferring \$275,000.00 from Account 138-270-42691 (Unallocated Account) and \$50,000.00 from Account # 138-1270-58020 (Electric Vehicles) for a total of \$325,000 for water conservation programs.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING SESSION AND REPORTING

(30 MINUTES)

1. Water Conservation Subcommittee, Commissioner Yepello
2. Non-Motorized Transportation Subcommittee, Chair Klein
3. Wellness Subcommittee, Commissioner Jackson
4. Waste Reduction Subcommittee, Commissioner Polischak
5. Education Subcommittee, Commissioner Birnberg and Lazar (Co-Chairs)
6. Green Building /Solar Subcommittee, Commissioner Otto

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

(10 MINUTES)

- J. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission will adjourn to the amended date for the Regular Meeting, which will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in the Large Conference Room at City Hall. The Sustainability Commission's normal meeting schedule is at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month except August unless otherwise noted or amended.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND

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, Michele C. Mician, Sustainability Manager