

Sustainability Commission
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



MINUTES

Tuesday, May 19, 2015, Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

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

FLAG SALUTE: The flag salute was done by Commissioner Lazar.

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 Klein. A motion to approve the agenda was initiated by Commissioner Yepello and Commissioner Bettinger seconded the motion. All Approved.

	<u>This Meeting</u>	<u>Present to Date</u>	<u>FY 2014/2015 Excused Absences</u>	<u>FY 2014/2015 Unexcused Absences</u>
Brett Klein, Chair	X	45		
Thom Bettinger	X	34		
Joe Jackson	X	25		
Grant Wilson	X	28		
Mark Polischak	E	22	1	
Victor Yepello	X	20	2	
Travis Armstrong	X	22		
Michael Birnberg	E	10	1	
Tara Lazar	X	11		
Nate Otto	E	9	2	

X = Present

L = Late

E = Excused (notified Chair and Staff of absence)

U = did not notify of absence

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator
 Arwel Bermudo, Clerical Assistant

CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORTS

1. NMTP Infrastructure Projects Update
 - Assistant City Manager Fuller reported the construction contract for Phase I Bike Project has been signed and construction will start this summer as long as all submittals have been approved.
 - Assistant City Manager stated the analysis for road diets are being finalized.
 - Assistant City Manager stated he will be conducting a presentation regarding water conservation and how it will impact City facilities and property. He stated there is

definitely an impact on City owned trees which are only irrigated through overhead spray. The City will conduct landscape retrofit and the Council will need to consider the cost of the renovations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: This time has been set aside 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. Although the Sustainability Commission values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act, it generally cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted Agenda. Three (3) minutes are assigned for each speaker.

- Director Richard Oberhaus, Desert Water Agency, provided the Commission the efforts DWA has accomplished since the Governor Brown initiated the Drought Emergency. Director Oberhaus provided the Commission a handout with the proposed Water Conservation Ordinance #63 which DWA will have a public hearing on June 16, 2015. He stated DWA sent out water conservation mailers based on all addresses rather than to just billing addresses to improve outreach to a larger number of residents.
- Director Oberhaus welcomed any comments or concerns the Commission may have with the proposed ordinance. He also stated, DWA at present, will not be increasing rates until they go through the 218 process. They have approached the State to reconsider 36% water conservation level based on per capita, as they believe it does not factor part-time residents and tourists.
- Ms. Kate Castle provided the Commission the U.S. Department of Energy's EV Everywhere Workplace Charging Challenge in which employers are encouraged to install charging stations at their worksites.
- She would like to bring forward of the Commission to make installing EV Charging Station installation for new businesses or parking lots.
- Ms. Marianne Melleka, intern at Riverside Public Health Department, encourages the City of Palm Springs to support the Tobacco Retail Committee Ordinance to lessen the use of tobacco. The County has passed the Ordinance, now it is up to the individual cities to pass the ordinance.

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (5 MINUTES)

- No Welcomes and Introductions

B. PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTE)

- No Presentations.

C. MEETING MINUTES (5 MINUTES)

1. The minutes from April 21, 2015 was presented by Chair Klein. A motion to approve the minutes was initiated by Commissioner Yepello and Vice Chair Jackson seconded the motion. All approved.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION LIAISON REPORT - Cheryl

Houck, Liaison, and Commissioner Armstrong

- Commissioner Armstrong advised the Commission did not have a meeting.

E. RECYCLING REPORT, Gary Calhoun (10 MINUTES)

1. Recycling Update

- Coordinator Calhoun provided a brochure sample issued by the State for AB 1826 which can be tailored based on the city's need.

- Coordinator Calhoun reported two loads of e-Waste was sent Desert ARC.
- Coordinator Calhoun reported he continues to work on the Mattress Stewardship Program with Commissioner Polischak.
- Coordinator Calhoun recommends to resend a written reminder to all retailers regarding the Bag Ordinance.

F. OLD BUSINESS

(5 MINUTES)

1. Sustainability Film Series Update, Commissioner Bettinger
 - Commissioner Bettinger stated he did not have a report. He will submit the finalized report to Manager Mician and Palm Springs Cultural Center for review next month.
2. Bike Month Bike Donation Program, Chair Klein
 - Chair Klein reported he and Commissioner Yepello have met with Sunline, the Palm Springs and Mecca Boys and Girls Club, Palm Desert Rotary who may also represents possibly the rest of the Rotarys throughout the Valley regarding to Bike Donations. PS Cyclery and Hot Purple Energy will also be participating with the drive.
 - Chair Klein reported their goal is to have a minimum of one hundred bikes donated and each bike to include a helmet and lock.
 - Chair Klein reported they are seeking grants to fund the purchase of new bikes, helmets and locks. This would be a community and business partnership.
3. Date For Sustainability Master Plan Discussion on Early June
 - Chair Klein requested staff to resend “doodle” link to get a census when the Commission would like to have the Study Session for the Sustainability Master Plan Update.
4. World Environment Day June 5, Diana Shay
 - Coordinator Diana Shay advised the Commission World Environment Day Event will be held at the Pavilion and will be from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. She encourages the Commission to attend the event.
 - Coordinator Shay stated there will be a children art contest for the event and requested Commissioners to judge the work.

G. NEW BUSINESS

(10 MINUTES)

1. “Let’s Move: Cities, Towns, Counties” April 30 Training Report: Vice Chair Jackson and Commissioner Bettinger
 - Vice Chair Jackson and Commissioner Bettinger provided the Commission an Executive Summary of the event.
 - Vice Chair Jackson stated the purpose of LMCTC is to promote improved nutrition and increase physical activity in the community. He stated they walked away with some great suggestions and will bring forward to the Commission in the future.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

(20 MINUTES)

1. Water Conservation Subcommittee, Commissioner Armstrong
 - Commissioner Armstrong had no report. He did advise the City Water Task Force did meet.
 - Commissioner Yepello recommended that a Commissioner should attend DWA Board Meetings.
2. Education Subcommittee, Commissioner Birnberg and Lazar
 - Commissioner Lazar had no report.
3. Green Building/Solar Subcommittee, Commissioner Wilson and Otto

- Commissioner Wilson reported the Planning Commission had questions regarding proposed Solar Ordinance. He will to review questions with Director Fagg for clarification and present to the Sustainability Commission for any recommendations. At which they will forward to the Planning Commission.
- 4. Waste Reduction Subcommittee, Commissioner Polischak
 - Commissioner Polischak was not in attendance but he did provide a Subcommittee Report to the Commission.
- 5. Wellness Subcommittee, Vice Chair Jackson
 - Vice Chair Jackson had no report.
- 6. Alternative Transportation Subcommittee, Chair Klein and Commissioner Yepello
 - Chair Klein reported Jeff Hocker will provide the update for Cycledelic and Bike Month Activities in the June's Meeting.
 - Chair Klein reported the Bike to School Event was fantastic. At least eight representatives from Southern California Association of Governments, whose focus are Alternative Transportation at a state level, attended and assisted with the event. PS Cyclery helped fit helmets and performed safety checks.

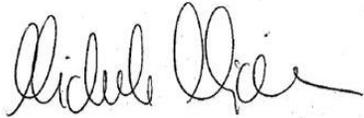
I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

(5 MINUTES)

- No Commissioner Comments

K. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 6:29 P.M. Commissioner Bettinger motioned to adjourn. Vice Chair Jackson seconded. All approved. They will adjourn to the Regular Meeting which will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 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.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Office of Sustainability