



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 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 Wilson

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 Santora and seconded by Commissioner Spry and unanimously carried.

		Present	FY 2017/2018	FY 2017/2018
	<u>This Meeting</u>	<u>to Date</u>	<u>Excused Absences</u>	<u>Unexcused Absences</u>
Joe Jackson	X	60		
Roy Clark	X	24		
Grant Wilson	X	61		
David Freedman	X	35		
Jennifer Futterman	E	22	3	
Greg Gauthier	X	15	2	
John Goins	X	14	4	
Robert McCann	E	22	5	
T Santora	X	4	3	
Carl Baker	E	4	1	
Jessica Spry	X	6		
Dara Shay – Student Rep	E	5	3	

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, Program Coordinator, and Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator.

CITY MANAGER / STAFF COMMENTS – Director Virata reported that the City Council approve a six month extension to terms ending in June 2018. Three commissioners are affected. Chair Jackson asked about the status of the leaf blower brochure. Mr. DeGarmo reported that he is working on getting a better picture for the brochure. Director Virata stated that the content of the brochure is good.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS – None. Chair Jackson thanked student rep Dara Shay for her service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Eyron Ike Rosenberg, Palm Springs, spoke on recycling paper and reducing paper waste.

Paul Hinrichsen, Palm Springs, spoke on bike sharing and the proposed smoking ordinance.

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – None

B. PRESENTATIONS: Andy Boenau, Director of Mobility Strategy, Gotcha Bike. A presentation of the Gotcha Bike Sharing program was given. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

C. MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes approval: Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve as presented, second by Commissioner Santora and approved unanimously by an open vote.

D. RECYCLING REPORT, Recycling Coordinator Gary Calhoun commented that he has updated the C&D brochure in preparation for the proposed C&D ordinance when it is approved. He also stated that the

Annual AB 939 Report describing all recycling programs has opened and he is working on it. A conference call with Andrew Smyth at CalRecycle was held to follow up on how the City is doing regarding State required reports. Palm Springs is doing well on all reporting items. A new requirement that is coming in the next few years is a 20% diversion of food products. Commissioner Santora asked about our recycling program and if the recycled products are being disposed properly. Mr. Calhoun stated that the City's efforts are being followed correctly but we do not know where the recycling goes after it reaches the recycling facilities.. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Film Festival Programs – Commissioner Gauthier stated no report for this month.
2. Staff Report on Rates for City Owned EV Charging Stations. Staff reported that there are service providers that manage payment processing for Electric Vehicle chargers. Many cities offer free charging as an incentive to bring customers to shop in their city. Concern was mentioned that as more and more electric vehicles are using the chargers that we should consider placing a rate for charging after a grace period. More information was requested before any action is taken.

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

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sustainability budget for FY 2018-19 – Commissioners discussed Sustainability programs and the availability of funds for programs. No action was taken on finalizing any budget items. (A list of requests is attached). The Ad Hoc Budget Subcommittee report included a motion that a budget item for a full time Sustainability Manager position is included in the FY 2018-19 budget and that the Commission be able to have input on the selection of a manager.

Motion: Move that City Council fund 1 Full Time Employee for a Sustainability Manager and request that the top 3 candidates do a job talk at a Sustainability Commission Meeting. Commissioner Santora moved that the motion as written in the budget report be adopted with a second by Commissioner Spry. Motion passed unanimously. The Budget Subcommittee also requested that industrial composting be made available in the City starting with a backyard composting program and building up to industrial composting. Other budget items were Green Economy, Ecotourism, Recycling Tetrapaks, and Education/Outreach.

2. Discussion on a Feasibility Study regarding Organic Waste Disposal – deferred to Waste Subcommittee report.
3. Update Safe Routes to Schools program – No update.
4. Consideration of Rescheduling the July and September 2018 Regular Meetings – The September meeting will be changed to Monday, September 24, 2018. The July meeting date will not be changed.

Comments and questions on the above reports 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 Freedman reported that the City Council approved the 100% carbon free option from Desert Communities Energy. Commissioner Freedman reported Palm Springs has been designated as a Sol Smart Gold City and that a plaque is forthcoming. Commissioner Goins reported on an Energy Code (Zero Net Energy) program for builders, contractors, tradespeople and students.
2. Standing Committee on Waste Reduction - Commissioners McCann, Spry and Vice Chair Clark. Vice Chair Clark reported on the possible ban on polystyrene take home containers and plastic straws. More work is being done with contacting local establishments. He also reported on the recycling bins that were ordered. Mr. DeGarmo stated that the bins are due to be delivered on June 20, 2018 (the bins were delivered on June 25th). Commissioner Clark also reported on the green waste organics separator from Anaergia that could be installed at the waste water treatment plant. The next step in this process is to meet face to face with the waste water treatment plant and Anaergia. Then a feasibility study will be held. Commissioner Spry stated that a composting program be implemented as well.
3. Ad Hoc Committee on Walkability and Pedestrian Planning - Commissioner Wilson stated no report this month.
4. Wellness - Chair Jackson reported on the CVHip.com release and that the Sustainability Commission

had supported this program with funding.

5. Water - Commissioner Freedman reported on DWA rebate funding and that the City should apply for turf to desert landscape rebates for the Airport and other city facilities (\$3.00 per square yard). Commissioner Freedman also reported on the rate increases coming up. The DWA budget was approved with a 10% increase in the variable rate and 24% increase in the fixed rate. Leaky pipe replacement is the reason for the increase in rates. Water conservation numbers for May was 21% from the 2013 baseline with a cumulative savings of 13.4% for the past 12 months. Since 2016 there is a 17% reduction.
6. Outreach – No report. Chair Jackson reported that the World Environment Day event was a success. Comments and questions from the commissioners on the above reports were presented and discussed.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS -

Vice Chair Clark stated that he contacted Councilmember Kors regarding the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and next steps to be taken including a possible press release and press conference with the Mayor so that the community is more aware of the pledge and its mission.

- I. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 7:00 PM by a motion from Commissioner Santora and seconded by Commissioner Goins and approved by a unanimous vote. They adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the Sustainability Commission to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 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