



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
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May 21, 2019
5:00 PM

REGULAR
MEETING AGENDA

Palm Springs City Hall
Large Conference Room
 3200 E Tahquitz Canyon Way
 Palm Springs, CA 92262

COMMISSIONERS	
Roy Clark, Chair	Robert McCann, Vice Chair
Carl Baker	John Goins
Jim Flanagan	Lani Miller
David Freedman	T Santora
Jennifer Futterman	Grant Wilson
Greg Gauthier	

Staff representatives: Patrick Tallarico, Manager, Office of Sustainability; Dan DeGarmo, Program Coordinator; Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator

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- CALL TO ORDER**
- ROLL CALL**
- ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

CITY MANAGER / STAFF COMMENTS **(30 MINUTES)**
 Product Development Process; City e-mail addresses for Commissioners; Budget Update; Report on past and upcoming Council Meeting topics; Update on Cogen Plant

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 jurisdiction of the Commission. 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 are assigned for each speaker.

- A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** **(5 MINUTES)**
- B. MEETING MINUTES** **(5 MINUTES)**
 April 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. RECYCLING REPORT - Gary Calhoun** **(5 MINUTES)**
 - April 20, 2019 Shredding and Clean-up Event
 - New Monthly Report Format
- D. OLD BUSINESS** **(20 MINUTES)**
 1. Status of the Leaf Blower Information Campaign – Manager Tallarico
 2. Status of the Household Battery Recycling Program – Manager Tallarico
 3. Status of Staff Report on Polystyrene Container and Plastic Straw Ban – Manager Tallarico
 4. Arbor Day Trees – Commissioner Futterman

5. Status of the amendment to the Municipal Code to allow trash and recycling containers to be placed on the curb or street any time after 5 p.m. the day before collection – Manager Tallarico

E. NEW BUSINESS

(15 MINUTES)

1. Low Visibility of Night Sky – Commissioner Flanagan, Commissioner McCann

F. SUBCOMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

(40 MINUTES)

1. Standing Subcommittee on Solar and Green Building - Commissioners Freedman, Goins and Flanagan
 - EV Charging
 - Solar Ordinance
 - Wind Energy ordinance
2. Standing Subcommittee on Waste Reduction – Vice Chair McCann, Chair Clark, Commissioner Miller
 - Public Spaces Plan (Trash and recycling containers, messaging, and materials flow)
3. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Walkability & Pedestrian Planning - Commissioners Wilson, Gauthier, Futterman
 - City Council Discussion on Electric Scooters.
 - Safe Routes to Schools Project and Pedestrian Master Plan
4. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Film Festival Programs – Commissioners Futterman and Gauthier
5. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Bicycle Routes and Cycling – Commissioner Flanagan
 - Response to requests from March 19, 2019 Sustainability Commission meeting
 - Bicycling Guide
6. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on World Environment Day – Commissioners Futterman, Gauthier, Santora
 - Update on planning efforts
7. Big Horn Sheep Habitat Protection – Commissioner Flanagan
8. Wellness – Commissioner Baker
 - Climate Change Town Hall Meeting
9. Water - Commissioner Freedman
10. Outreach - Commissioner Futterman

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND UPCOMING AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

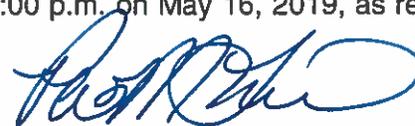
(5 MINUTES)

H. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission will adjourn to the Regular Meeting of the Sustainability Commission to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, in the City Hall Large Conference Room, 3200 E Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs CA 92262. The Sustainability Commission's regular meeting schedule is at 5 p.m. the third Tuesday each month except August unless otherwise noted or amended.

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING: I, Patrick Tallarico, Manager of the Office of Sustainability of the City of Palm Springs, California, certify this Agenda was posted at or before 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2019, as required by established policies and procedures.



Patrick Tallarico, Manager of the Office of Sustainability



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 Tuesday, April 16, 2019 Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

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

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 Clark. A motion to approve as posted by Commissioner Gauthier and seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously carried.

	This Meeting	Present to Date	FY 2018/2019 Excused Absences	FY 2018/2019 Unexcused Absences
Roy Clark, Chair	X	33		
Robert McCann, Vice Chair	X	31		
Grant Wilson	E	68	2	
David Freedman	X	43	1	
Jennifer Futterman	X	30	1	
Greg Gauthier	X	24		
John Goins	X	20	2	
T Santora	E	12	1	
Carl Baker	E	12	1	
Jim Flanagan	X	3		
Lani Miller	X	3		

X = Present E = Excused (notified Chair and Staff of absence)
 L = Late U = did not notify of absence

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Tallarico, Manager, Office of Sustainability; Daniel DeGarmo, Program Coordinator; Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator.

CITY MANAGER / STAFF COMMENTS – Manager Tallarico reported on the following:

- Branding for the Sustainability Commission and the Office of Sustainability – Manager Tallarico requested input from Commissioners on items that they felt should be branded as the Sustainability Commission and other items that should be branded as the Office of Sustainability.
- He stated that for the Commission, we receive memos and reports that would need branding and that some Commissioners have asked about business cards that would also have Commission branding.
- Commissioners stated that other items could be Commission shirts and/or badges, the Bike Map, and the Commission web pages.
- He also stated that he will follow up on the status of getting Commissioners a City email address.
- He also noted that he will be preparing a draft document that describes how products get developed by the Commission and make their way through the city through to the City Council.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - None

B. MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes approval: Motion by Commissioner Goins to approve as presented, second by Commissioner Flanagan and unanimously approved on an open vote.

C. RECYCLING REPORT, Recycling Coordinator Gary Calhoun reported that the next E-waste and Recycling event will be held on April 20, 2019. He also explained to the Commissioners what his duties include.

Manager Tallarico added that he will be working with Mr. Calhoun to update the monthly recycling report format for next month.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed the following items. Key points are highlighted.

1. Status of the Leaf Blower Information Campaign – Manager Tallarico reported that the Leaf Blower Exchange Program demonstration day was a success and that the word is getting out on the ban. He also reported that more outreach is being planned in the form of a letter to all Palm Springs residents. We have been getting a few calls regarding the ban and have been able to let them know the status of the ban and when enforcement begins.
2. Status of Household Battery Recycling Program. Manager Tallarico reported that the equipment for the battery recycling is here and that labels for the tubes and boxes for residents are being finalized.
3. Status of Polystyrene Container and Plastic Straw Ban. Manager Tallarico reported that the staff report is still under development and more information will be available at the next meeting.
4. Arbor Day Trees – Commissioner Futterman updated the Commissioners on the status of planting fruit trees. Unfortunately, fruit trees are more susceptible to disease and the City will not allow them to be planted in City Parks. Fruit trees could be planted in the Community Garden and other types of trees could be planted in the parks. Commissioner Futterman will continue to investigate where trees can be planted.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed the following items. Key points are highlighted.

1. Sustainability Commission Priorities and Budget: Manager Tallarico stated that with the Budget for the next Fiscal Year approaching, he has been developing a priority list for next year. He shared his list (Attachment A) with the Commissioners and asked for feedback. No new items were identified.
2. Palm Springs Library Summer Reading Program: Mr. DeGarmo reported that the Library staff has asked the Commission once again to sponsor the Library's Summer Reading Program as the Commission has done before with the purchase of bicycles as prizes. The following motion was made by Commissioner Gauthier with a second by Commissioner Futterman:
“**MOTION:** The Sustainability Commission approves sponsorship of a bicycle raffle for the Library Summer Reading Program, \$400.” The motion passed unanimously on an open vote.
3. **MOTION:** The City Council should approve an amendment to the Municipal Code recommended by ONE-PS to allow trash and recycling containers to be placed on the curb or street any time after 5 p.m. the day before collection” Chair Clark reported on the above motion as it has been discussed at ONE-PS Committee. Commissioner Freedman and Chair Clark recused themselves from this item as they are involved with the ONE-PS Committee. Commissioner Miller made the above motion with a second by Commissioner McCann. Motion passed 6-0.
4. Big Horn Sheep Habitat Protection Ad Hoc Committee Formation – Manager Tallarico stated that even though this item has been discussed, no formal action was taken to form an ad hoc committee. He asked for volunteers to be on the ad hoc committee and Commissioner Flanagan volunteered and stated that Jane Garrison will also be on the committee and that others will be forthcoming. The end date for the Ad Hoc Committee on Big Horn Sheep Habitat will be December 31, 2019.

F. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners discussed the following items. Key points are highlighted.

1. Standing Subcommittee on Solar and Green Building - Commissioners Freedman, Goins and Flanagan
 - The draft wind energy conversion system ordinance will be going before City Council April 17th.
 - The draft solar ordinance is being considered by the Planning Commission probably at their May 8th meeting.
 - The DCE meeting held recently reported that a launch date of early 2020 is expected subject to City Council approval. A 100% Carbon Free option will be the default.
 - The solar policy on Accessory Dwelling Units will go before City Council in May.
 - Potential Reach Code measures are still being explored by the Subcommittee.
 - Subcommittee members continue to refine the NUSA conference presentation.

- Staff is in the process of moving forward with electric vehicle charging infrastructure and the processing of various associated grants.
2. Standing Subcommittee on Waste Reduction – Vice Chair McCann, Chair Clark, Commissioner Miller
 - Commissioner McCann reported on efforts to research placement and pairing of trash and recycling containers in City Parks and the standardized coloring of each type of container. A database of containers is being developed. This is the first step in identifying gaps and developing a strategy to address these gaps. There are several challenges of standardizing all containers given the range of types of containers that exist today.
 - Commissioner Miller reported on the following:
 - She is working on an evaluation of the City’s recycling streams to identify where materials are going and what is happening to them.
 - She noted the challenges resulting from China’s National Sword Policy and finding markets for materials in the United States.
 - Contamination in recycling streams is a critical issue. The group is working on a signage and education program.
 - Methane and Carbon Dioxide at landfills is a critical driver for changing waste management practices. The amount of tonnage going to landfills is increasing, which is leading to an increase in methane gas. Gases are burned off via flares at some facilities. Methane could be used to create electricity.
 - There are four Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) in the area for recyclables, 20% of materials are residual and end up going to landfill.
 - She noted ongoing work related to identifying what can and cannot be recycled. More outreach is needed for what is and is not recyclable.
 - Single stream recycling is facing critical challenges, which makes proper preparation of materials even more critical.
 3. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Walkability & Pedestrian Planning - Commissioners Wilson, Gauthier, Futterman
 - Manager Tallarico noted that the Staff Report related to e-scooters was submitted to the City Council for discussion.
 - The Ad Hoc Subcommittee will be working on the Walkability Master Plan and the Safe Routes to Schools Plan.
 4. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Film Festival Programs – Commissioners Futterman and Gauthier – Commissioner Futterman reported that the next Sustainable Film Series film is Serengeti Rules on April 25th.
 5. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Bicycle Routes and Cycling – Commissioner Flanagan –
 - Responses to Requests from the March 19, 2019 Sustainability Commission meeting were presented by Manager Tallarico regarding the Indian Canyon Two-way Conversion.
 - Manager Tallarico reported that the City re-ordered the current bike map and will work on updating the map/guide during the summer 2019.
 6. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on World Environment Day – Commissioners Futterman, Gauthier, Santora
 - Update on planning efforts – Commissioner Futterman reported that the City will focus on pollinators as the theme for this year’s event. The international focus is on “Air Pollution”.
 - Invitations have gone out to 60 exhibitors with 10 positive responses so far. More outreach is being planned.
 - Flow Box Circus Arts and Symara Stone will be performing.
 - Notices will be sent out for the Environmental Art Contest.
 7. Wellness – Commissioner Baker – No report
 8. Water - Commissioner Freedman
 - Public hearings on potential district maps for DWA were held in Desert Hot Springs.
 - There was a 20.5 % reduction in potable water production in March compared with 2013. Cumulative savings in the last twelve months as well as since the program began is 17%.
 - DWA is finalizing an update to its exchange agreement with Metropolitan Water District.
 - Commissioner Freedman would like to work on a turf buyback program for the next fiscal year.
 9. Outreach - Commissioner Futterman
 - Commissioner Futterman noted the Earth Day and Arbor Day events coming up.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND UPCOMING AGENDA DEVELOPMENT -

Commissioner McCann spoke on Night Sky and possible development of an ordinance.

Commissioner Flanagan spoke on landscape lighting.

Commissioner Miller thanked Manager Tallarico on the agenda development memo.

Commissioner Goins spoke on the Co-gen plant and suggested the Commission may want to get an update on its operations.

Commissioner Futterman requested if a presentation will occur on the Salton Sea issue.

Manager Tallarico asked if Commission would like to have a Study Session on the issue bringing both sides of the issue to the Study Session. Development of a Study Session will be forthcoming.

H. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 7:00 PM by a motion from Commissioner Gauthier and seconded by Commissioner McCann 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, May 21, 2019, 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,

Patrick Tallarico, Manager, Office of Sustainability



COMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: 05/21/19

SUBMITTED BY: David Freedman

COMMITTEE NAME: Standing Committee on Solar and Green Building

SUBMITTED DATE: 05/14/19

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 05/07/19

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 06/04/19, 10 am

Committee Meeting Goals:

- Reach Code opportunities
- EV charger policy
- Solar policy for accessory dwelling units
- Desert Community Energy update
- Energy Code training programs

Summary:

Commissioner Freedman noted that at the Committee's April meeting, Committee members agreed that measures worth further consideration beyond the requirements of the 2019 Energy Code are electric readiness, energy audits at time of sale and energy and water efficiency for cannabis industry facilities. Following discussion among Committee members and Sustainability Manager Tallarico, Committee members agreed to focus their efforts on the cannabis industry. Manager Tallarico informed Committee members that the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership was holding a workshop the following morning on sustainability considerations for cannabis. Committee members and staff were not able to attend the workshop, but Manager Tallarico has asked CVEP for the materials. Jocelyn Kane, Vice President of the Coachella Valley Cannabis Alliance Network (CVCAN), will attend the next Committee meeting on June 4 for a discussion of these issues.

Manager Tallarico updated the Committee on the City's electric vehicle charger program, which is funded by grants. He and Commissioner Flanagan are working on an RFP to be sent this summer for third parties to install and manage the stations. with the objective of having them installed by the fall season. The RFP will provide direction on specific locations for the chargers, such as Palm Canyon Drive, but also ask the bidders locations where the chargers would have the most impact.

Manager Tallarico reported out on the discussion at City Council's May 1 meeting about his staff report on solar requirements for accessory dwelling units, which included the memo drafted by Commissioner Freedman and reviewed by the Committee at the last Committee meeting. Manager Tallarico will report to the Commission on his discussion with Council as part of his remarks at the May 21 Commission meeting.

Manager Tallarico informed the Committee that he is working on the staff report for the discussion of Desert Community Energy (DCE) at the May 22 City Council meeting, although this topic may be moved to June 5. Council will provide direction at that time whether to proceed with a launch in 2020 and have the default option be the 100% carbon-free product. Based on his discussions with CVAG, Manager Tallarico stated that DCE would not initially offer current solar customers a net energy metering program.

Commissioner Flanagan noted that as an alternative to DCE, SCE offers its customers a green rate with 100% renewable energy. He also noted that there may be some liability issues with DCE that the City Attorney would need to consider.

Commissioner Freedman reported that he would begin work in June on an Energy Code training session in the fall for valley-wide building professionals and city staffs.

Recommendation/Request:

Continuing working with stakeholders on 2019 Energy Code issues as it moves towards effectiveness.

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	Approve funds for an Energy Code training program to be held in the fall of 2019 to be requested as part of Committee's FY 2019-20 outreach budget.
ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY	Work with Planning Services Department staff on draft solar zoning ordinance. Work with CVAG on possible launch of DCE in 2020.
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	Funds for an Energy Code training program to be held in the fall of 2019 will be requested as part of Committee's FY 2019-20 outreach budget.



Subcommittee Report

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: May 21, 2019	SUBMITTED BY: Patrick Tallarico
SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Standing SubCommittee on Waste Reduction (SSCoWR)	SUBMITTED DATE: May 13, 2019
LAST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: April 23, 2019	NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: May 28, 2019

Subcommittee Goal:

Divert 90% of waste generated by the City of Palm Springs from landfill by 2030.

Summary:

1. C&D Waste Ordinance.

- No developments to report. Feedback from Chris Cunningham of PSDS indicated that most are already complying.

2. Reducing Single-use Nonrecyclable Plastic Food Ware and Plastic Straws by Food Service Establishments.

- At the May 1 City Council Meeting, Council Member Holstege requested that the potential ban on plastic straws, Styrofoam and foodware be added as a discussion item to the Council’s agenda as soon as possible. The Office of Sustainability is working with the City Attorney to develop a draft Staff Report for the May 22nd or June 5th meetings.

3. Battery Recycling Project

- Recycling collection tubes have been received. Containers for household battery storage are being printed. Program should be ready for launch in time for the World Environment Day.

4. Toward a Public Spaces Recycling Program for the City of Palm Springs.

- May 8. Patrick Tallarico met with the City Manager, Maintenance Director, and Director of Procurement to discuss how to advance the purchase of downtown trash containers. Mr. Tallarico received cost information from the vendor for the modifications suggested by the Sustainability Commission and is preparing a Staff Report for the May 22nd Council Meeting.
- April 28. Rob McCann submitted a report for Phase 1 of the Palm Springs Public Spaces Recycling Program focusing on waste containers in public parks. The report captures findings from a recent audit of trash and recycling containers in Palm Spring’s public parks, identifies gaps and inconsistencies between the current state of Park containers and the recommended guidelines for public space waste container placement and design set out in the SSCoWR’s March 14 Report, and provides recommendations for closing or eliminating the gaps.
- May 5 and May 8. Patrick Tallarico and Gary Calhoun conducted a waste and recycling audit of DeMuth Park.

- May 6. Patrick Tallarico, Rob McCann and Gary Calhoun conducted a waste and recycling audit of Ruth Hardy Park. Preliminary analyses of the data indicate that the waste discarded in Ruth Hardy's recycle containers is contaminated by large amounts of non-recyclable material. Less contamination was found in the form of recyclable materials in the trash containers.
- May 8. Rob McCann and Patrick Tallarico met with Lynn Yada of Desert Learning Academy (DLA) to discuss a potential collaborative science project between the Sustainability Commission, The Palm Springs Office of Sustainability, and the DLA. The project would entail DLA students leading a systematic empirical evaluation of DLA waste container placement and design features on contamination of the waste stream collected from outdoor trash and recycle containers at the Academy. "Lessons learned" from the evaluation could inform future decision making for the Palm Springs Public Space Recycling project.
- May 16. Rob McCann and Patrick Tallarico met with Lynn Yada and Dr. Todd Reid, Principal, DLA, to familiarize Dr. Reed with the potential project.

5. Palm Springs Waste and Recycling Materials Management Investigation.

- April 23. Lani Miller presented three draft products at the monthly SSCoWR meeting for the Subcommittee's feedback:
 - A draft list of potential messages designed to improve how residents recycle.
 - A materials flow diagram that showed how recycling and trash moves through the municipal system from collection to ultimate recycling facilities.
 - A set of goals for an analysis to identify the following:
 - Investigate, catalogue, and accumulate pertinent data on landfill (LF) services, transfer stations, and material recovery facilities (MRF's) pertaining to the Palm Springs, Coachella Valley, and Riverside County network.
 - Update or develop best practices for recycling in Palm Springs. In addition to the developing a reality-based sorting list for recyclables, best practices could include proper pre-disposal preparation.
 - Launch a unified recycling campaign with clear, strong consumer messaging.
 - Project future optimization of Palm Springs waste management systems in order to minimize municipal production of greenhouse gases, as well as protect our air and environment from particulate carbon and chemical impact.

6. NUSA Presentation.

- May 9. Rob McCann met with David Freedman and Patrick Tallarico to critique early drafts of his presentation.
- May 17. Rob McCann gave a presentation entitled "Community Partnering to Divert Municipal Waste from Landfill" at the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) 2019 Conference: "Opening Doors to the Future".

7. Waste and Recycling Reporting

- April 23. At the monthly SSCoWR meeting, it was decided that Patrick Tallarico will work with Gary Calhoun to refine the monthly waste and recycling report.
- May 2. Patrick Tallarico, Gary Calhoun and Dan DeGarmo met to discuss report contents and format.

Recommendation/Request

Subcommittee members will continue to conduct research and refine products and bring recommended actions to the Commission in June.

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	N/A
ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY	N/A
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	N/A



Subcommittee Report

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: May 21, 2019	SUBMITTED BY: Jim Flanagan
SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Bicycle Routes and Cycling	SUBMITTED DATE: May 9, 2019
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: May 3, 2019 email meeting	NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: TBD

Subcommittee Goal:

Track and prioritize tasks aimed at improving accessibility and safety for bicycles and scooters within the City of PS.

Summary:

The response email from Donn Uyeno along with an update on other issues was sent out to the committee (Brett Klein, Robin Abrahams, Chris Cross, Victor Yepello).

1. The Committee is still very concerned about the safety of the intersection at Belardo and S Palm Canyon. A site visit with Patrick to this intersection helped to clarify the problems. The Subcommittee will follow up with Donn to ensure these safety issues are addressed.
2. The Bike Smart booklet that was circulated at the last Commission meeting was well received and we will investigate ways to produce a similar version for the City of Palm Springs. Brett suggested we investigate using grants from Safe Schools or League of American Bicyclists. Jim to investigate.
3. Jim addressed the lack of bike parking in the plaza surrounding the Rowan Hotel and Starbucks. Bikes are often left in bushes or leaning against walls while cyclists use the plaza.

Other issues identified but not currently in the priority queue:

- Submit application to become a bicycle friendly city to the league of American bicycling - Brett
- Address missing wayfinding and bike route signage - Victor
- Development of more on/off ramps to the CV Link - per Roy Clark
- Status of bike routes and next steps - per Joe Jackson
- Improve awareness of the process for merchants to add bike racks
- Identify ongoing needs for city maintained bike racks and new rack placement
- Providing city support (non-financial) for bike rental companies and hotels to encourage tourist use
- Coordination with bike events, cycle touring (Tour de Palm Springs)

Recommendation/Request

Continue working with engineering/streets to address safety issues at Belardo
Investigate funding for producing Bike Smart book for PS
Investigate bike parking at Tahquitz and Palm Canyon

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	
ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY Bikes are banned at the Tahquitz/Palm Canyon plaza. Who would we ask about changing this policy?	
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	



Subcommittee Report

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: May 21, 2019	SUBMITTED BY: Carl Baker
SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Health	SUBMITTED DATE: May 16, 2019
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE:	NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: May 22, 2019

Subcommittee Meeting Goal:

Palm Springs to Host Climate Change Summit

Summary:

CLIMATE SUMMIT

- Richard Noble (of the Climate Reality Project) proposes a Climate Change Summit at the PS Cultural Center (f/k/a/ Camelot Theatre) in the Fall 2019
- Richard would like to invite the major of Salt Lake City and a representative from Governor Newsom’s office
 - 1/2 day event, possibly show three (3) short films (15-20 min)
 - could serve a fundraiser for Climate Reality Project. He also expects someone from Al Gore’s team to come out.
 - Richard plans on working with Renova Energy to host a table
 - Richard anticipates participation from the Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter and Courageous Resistance
 - Richard also anticipate LEED home (from San Diego) to participate
 - Goal of Green City by 2030
 - What budget, if any, is available?

EARTH DAY 2020 - April 22, 2020

- hold event at Sunrise Park
- plant a tree in commemoration of Earth Day
- live music, fun games for kids
- Richard has two wolf’s (\$100)
- Hot Purple Energy would donate two trucks for power
- involve school district
- What budget, if any, is available?

Recommendation/Request

NA

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	
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POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	