

MEASURE J COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
CITY HALL LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Marshall called the March 17, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Measure J Commission of the City of Palm Springs to order at 4:05 p.m.

At this time, Chair Marshall welcomed new Commissioner Christopher Heritage.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Dada, Hammond, Heritage, Rosenberg, Vogel, Williams, Vice-Chair Bloomer and Chair Marshall.

ABSENT: Commissioners Cohen.

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Secretary Muniz, Finance Director Kiehl, and Assistant City Manager/City Engineer Fuller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Rosenberg led the Pledge.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA: Approve the Agenda as amended, noting change under Item 2, Measure J Projects Update Report, adding Community Projects Update. **Motion by Commissioner Dada, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried noting the absence of Commissioner Cohen.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for the January 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes were accepted as presented. **Motion by Commissioner Dada, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried noting the abstention of Commissioner Heritage and absence of Commissioner Cohen.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Stokes, Palm Springs, commented on the project located on 333 E. Palm Canyon Dr., also provided additional handout material for Commissioners.

Richard Noble, Palm Springs, commented on the suggested Rainbow Crosswalks project for S Calle Encilia to E Arena Rd. and Indian Canyon and E Arenas Rd. (full square). Stated, that he would like to propose for the City Manager David Ready, to write a Resolution for the Equality Act. Shared, that Pride has commented on a larger budgeted project.

1. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Finance Director Kiehl provided a verbal report.

Commissioner Hammond, asked for definition on the enhancements mentioned under the Community Projects section.

Commissioner Dada, commented on the downward trend of the revenue.

Commissioner Williams, commented on the revised budget for the buzz trolley; FY 16-17 figures of the report (pg. 2) going to the City Council on April 20, 2016; and \$2M uptown parking structure (Andaz Hotel)

Commissioner Vogel, commented on the Policy & Procedure; discussion of a budget that Measure J Commission is presenting to the City Council; uptown parking structure; suggested to hold discussion after meeting with the sub-committee and future discussion with the City Council.

Chair Marshall, commented on the buzz trolley project.

Commissioner Dada, commented on the buzz trolley used to do marketing and promotion by the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism and for additional use for long weekends and holidays.

Vice-Chair Bloomer, commented on the Non-Motorized Transportation and biking issues.

Commissioner Rosenberg, commented on the downtown parking structure; IHUB campus; stated his concern on the budgets rapidly diminishing surplus.

Commissioner Hammond, commented on the contingency and reserves.

No action taken.

2. MEASURE J PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT:

Senior Civil Engineer Gianfranco Laurie provided a verbal report.

Commissioner Williams, commented on the additional handout material provided by the Sustainability Commission.

Commissioner Hammond, commented on the community projects the Engineering department has been working on in the past six months and savings to the city; working with Active Transportation Committee, and coordinating striping projects with the street projects.

Chair Marshall, commented on the allocated money for the bike lanes project.

Vice-Chair Bloomer, commented on the 2014 striping projects on Farrell and Racquet Club.

At this time, Senior Civil Engineer Savat Khamphou provided a verbal report on the Hot Spots Community Project List.

Chair Marshall, commented on the second years budgeted amount.

Commissioner Rosenberg, commented on the February 18, 2016 report, and trash service for the trails.

No action taken.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

**3.A. REPORT OF CITY COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE:
(COMMISSIONERS VOGEL, BLOOMER AND WILLIAMS):**

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Vogel, stated that the AD HOC committee had already met with the City Councils Sub-Committee. Commented on the purpose of this Committee and the City Councils Sub-Committee, on the upcoming joint meeting with the City Council, on the clarity of what is the Measure J Commissions job. Shared that the Policy & Procedure ad hoc committee is trying to reboot the Measure J Commissions goals and practices, to be efficient, and interact with the City Council.

Chair Marshall, commented on the upcoming joint meeting with the City Council scheduled for May 11, 2016.

Commissioner Vogel, also provided a brief history on the approved projects list.

No action taken.

**3.B. DEFERRED ACTION: CITY PROJECT 14-18, JOJ DESERT HIGHLAND
UNITY CENTER OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE STAGE / BALL FIELD
LIGHTING:**

RECOMMENDATION: Marcus provided a verbal report. Commented that the City Council had already awarded the contract and moving forward to deliver the project.

Chair Marshall, commented that the project had already been discussed and approved in the October 15, 2015 meeting.

Action: To affirm the expenditure of these funds. **Motion by Commissioner Hammond and second by Commissioner Rosenberg and unanimously carried noting the absence of Commissioner Cohen.**

**3.C. REPORT BY PUBLIC WORKS ADVOCATES – RAINBOW CROSSWALKS,
ARENAS: (COMMISSIONERS HAMMOND AND MARSHALL):**

RECOMMENDATION: Senior Civil Engineer Gianfranco Laurie provided a verbal presentation.

Commissioner Hammond, added that this was a comment during the January 21, 2016 meeting, a potential project for Measure J. The Commissioners in attendance were agreeable to looking at the project and collecting information.

Commissioner Rosenberg, asked about the process of putting this project in the budget.

Commissioner Vogel, commented on the process of deciding if we are to entertaining projects from the public.

Commissioner Hammond, also commented on the process and proposed, we file this potential project and when appropriate use the collected information.

Chair Marshall, suggest tabling this potential project until after the upcoming joint meeting with City Council and continue discussion during the June 16, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Hammond, commented on the crosswalk projects.

Commissioner Vogel, commented on the safety related Hot Spots projects.

Chair Marshall, commented on possibly considering matching funds for potential projects presented by the public.

No action taken.

3.D. SUBJECT MATTER ADVOCATE REPORTS:

Commissioner Williams, shared that there will be an upcoming meeting about the Library, and one with the board of trustees for discussion on how to move forward; will have a report at the next upcoming meeting. Commissioner Hammond, commented on an item that will be presented by ONE-PS to the City Council, recommending that City Council take a look at the street improvements that need to be completed, and the pavement condition index for all of the streets. Stated, that this is an information item. Also, commented on the red curbing done to increase visibility, signs that have been changed out or installed, and submitting a proposal for traffic calming to Ryan Snyder. She also, commented on a draft document for residents explaining undergrounding utilities, lighting assessment district, process and cost. Commissioner Rosenberg, shared that there's an upcoming meeting with the Planning department and will bring a report at the next meeting. Vice-Chair bloomer commented on the upcoming picnic. No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Noble, Palm Springs, commented once again, on the potential Rainbow Crosswalks project and safety at the Calle Encilia crosswalk.

STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND REQUESTS:

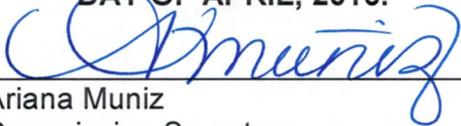
Commissioner Williams, shared an observation on the uptown crosswalks, and crosswalk at Villa Las Palmas and Palm Canyon.

Commissioner Heritage, asked on procedure of distribution of materials.

Commissioner Vogel, commented on the traffic study, crosswalks, and up lighting on palm trees.

ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting of the Measure J Commission of the City of Palm Springs adjourned at 5:32 p.m. to Thursday, April 21, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., Palm Springs City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way. **Motion Commissioner Dada, seconded by Vice-Chair Bloomer and unanimously carried noting the absence of Commissioner Cohen.**

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE MEASURE J COMMISSION THIS 21ST
DAY OF APRIL, 2016.**



Ariana Muniz
Commission Secretary