



City of Palm Springs

Development Services Department Office of Sustainability

TO: Sustainability Commission

FROM: Patrick Tallarico, Manager

SUBJECT: Update Summary – Staff Comments

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2021

The Office of Sustainability would like to provide this update on activities since the last Commission meeting to help speed discussion at the in-person meeting. The following items can be discussed in more depth at the meeting, if desired by the Commission.

- **Past and Upcoming Council Meeting Topics**
 - April 8, 2021 – Discussion of SB 1383 – [Link to Staff Report](#)
 - April 22, 2021 – Presentation on Earth Day, Support Letter for SB 612 on “legacy” power resources in support of Desert Community Energy
 - May 27, 2021 – Delinquent Trash Disposal Payments Public Hearing
- **Earth Day** – The City will be announcing Neighborhood Environmental Challenge Awards at the Council Meeting. We will also be reminding people about the Mayor’s Water Challenge (www.mywaterpledge.org), the organics waste survey (<http://bit.ly/OrganicsSurvey>), and Sprinkler Check Week the week of April 26th. As part of Sprinkler Check Week, the City will be partnering with DWA for a session with an irrigation expert at the April 24th Farmers Market.
- **EV Charger Expansion progress** – The City continues to meet with the contractor, Carbon Solutions Group, to submit permits and finalize paperwork associated with the charger installations. The group has submitted permit applications for the Museum Garage and City Hall and will be submitting paperwork for the Downtown Baristo Garage soon. They are also finalizing the agreement and related documents so that we can get it signed by the City Manager.
- **Tree Standards and Arbor Day** – Sustainability Staff has no new updates on the data needed to assess participation in the Tree City USA program. More information will be provided at the next Commission meeting.
- **Connect IE on Sustainability Web Page** – Sustainability Staff have added a link to this information on our web page. <https://www.palmspringsca.gov/government/departments/sustainability-and-recycling/connect-ie>
- **Bike Infrastructure Follow-up** – Sustainability Staff discussed the idea of improved bike infrastructure in the downtown area with Engineering staff. They suggested that because this effort would require long-term planning, that the Planning Division was the more appropriate point of contact. They suggested coordinating

with efforts to update the Circulation Element of the General Plan and potentially create a new Bike Master plan. City staff is also compiling a list of locations for additional bike racks and getting quotes on new racks to accommodate increasing bike ridership. We recently installed racks at the NeuroVitality Center and at Café La Jefa in the Uptown neighborhood.

- **Night Sky Follow-up** – City Staff spoke with Maintenance to discuss progress on the request by the Commission to review the uplighting along Tahquitz Canyon Way. Maintenance indicated that they had converted lighting recently west of Sunrise, but not East of Sunrise, which was the area of concern. They requested that Sustainability Staff document lighting levels and provide specific direction to Maintenance on changes needed. Sustainability staff will work with the Director of Development Services to share with Council and to determine next steps.
- **Fee-based Parking Follow-up** – Information was provided to Planning Division staff to forward to the General Plan Update Committee.
- **Hydrogen Fueling Stations** – City staff will be meeting with representatives of the hydrogen fuel industry to discuss potential stations in Palm Springs. This meeting had not taken place at the time of the memo, so Staff will provide an update on the outcome of that call at the meeting.
- **Mayor’s Monarch Pledge** – The City will be renewing its pledge by the end of April, identifying activities we plan to do in the coming year.