



City of Palm Springs Development Services Department Office of Sustainability

TO: Sustainability Commission

FROM: Patrick Tallarico, Manager

SUBJECT: Update Summary – Staff Comments

MEETING DATE: June 15, 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**
 - May 27, 2021 – Delinquent Trash Disposal Payments Public Hearing
 - June 24, 2021 – Food Ware Ordinance second First Reading, Leaf Blower Enhanced Enforcement discussion
- **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. Southern California Edison will require an easement from the City for the City Hall project and estimates it may take about 10 weeks for the SCE portion of the work to commence. The agreement has been signed by the City Manager and is being held until the City receives performance bonds from Carbon Solutions Group.
- **Tree Standards and Arbor Day** – Sustainability Staff has no new updates on the data needed to assess participation in the Tree City USA program. Sustainability Staff met with Maintenance on June 9 and will be following up with them on additional information.
- **Night Sky Follow-up** – Commissioner McCann will be providing updated information at a future meeting as he will remain on the Night Sky subcommittee after he leaves the Commission.
- **Hydrogen Fueling Stations** – The City received another inquiry about the placement of hydrogen fueling stations in Palm Springs. No additional information has been received from potential providers.
- **Michele Mician Community Garden** – Sustainability staff ordered and installed two (2) new hoses and hose reels on June 8th. Staff has contracted with Conserve Land Care for irrigation repairs to the

remaining garden plots for the week of August 9th. Plots # 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, 14, 18-26, and 28-31 will be assessed by the contractor and the appropriate repairs will be completed.

- **Airport Demonstration Garden** – Public Works Staff reviewed the draft construction documents for the project and had only minor comments. Sustainability staff will make a final attempt to reach out to the Public Arts Commission representative to get input on a public art project as part of the garden. The project will be put out to bid in late June or early July for a fall installation.
- **Bike Loop Signage** – Sustainability staff ordered 268 bike loop signs and installation hardware to replace faded/damaged signage. The signs will be installed by the City’s Maintenance Department throughout the summer months.
- **Bike Racks** - City staff requested funding for the cost to purchase and install bike racks from the Measure J Commission at their May 20, 2021 meeting. The request was approved and is tentatively planned for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year pending approval from the City’s Finance Department. Once approved, the bike racks will be purchased directly from Dero Bikes which is the primary manufacturer of the bike racks and they are able to offer the most competitive pricing. Sustainability staff has also meet with Engineering staff regarding the proposed locations and Araby Trailhead has been removed from the list due to planned infrastructure changes nearby.