



# City of Palm Springs Development Services Department Office of Sustainability

**TO:** Sustainability Commission

**FROM:** Patrick Tallarico, Manager

**SUBJECT:** Update Summary – Staff Comments

**MEETING DATE:** July 20, 2021

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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**
  - June 24, 2021 – Food Ware Ordinance second First Reading (passed with modifications)
  - July 8, 2021 – Food Ware Ordinance Second Reading (Passed), Request by Councilmember Kors for Sustainability Commission participation in Parking Study
  - July 22, 2021 – No sustainability topics
- **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.
- **Michele Mician Community Garden** – 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. The document will be finalized and issued for bid in July. Staff have reached out to the fencing contractor and are starting the process to get the fence replaced.
- **Bike Loop Signage** – Sustainability staff ordered 268 bike loop signs and installation hardware to replace faded/damaged signage. The signs are being made and will be installed once received.
- **Bike Racks** – Sustainability staff is awaiting funding from Measure J.

- **Food Ware Ordinance** – Now that the City has passed the food ware ordinance, Staff are working to develop outreach materials and issue a Request for Proposal to have access to technical support services for businesses. Staff are also updating the Sustainability Scholarship Program to focus on bars, restaurants, and hospitality with a specific emphasis on compliance with the food ware ordinance.
- **Library Summer Reading Program** - The 2021 Library Summer Reading program is coming to an end. The Library thanks the Sustainability Commission for their support of the Library’s Summer Reading program and is inviting any Sustainability Commissioners interested in attending the drawing of winners to participate on Wednesday, July 28 at 8:50AM. Please let Sustainability staff know if you would like to attend in advance.