

RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Berlinda Blackburn, Committee Member Estelle Dahl, Vice-Chair Vincent Heuring, Committee Member Stephen Nelson, Committee Member Donald Ziegler, Committee Member Dean Gatons

Staff Present: Deputy Director of Economic Development Amy Lawrence, Recording Secretary Michelle Nance, Damian Olivares

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee was called to order by Chair Blackburn on October 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. ROLL CALL

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by: Vice-Chair Heuring

Seconded by: Committee Member Gatons

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion Carried

4.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Vice-Chair Heuring

Seconded by: Committee Member Gatons

Approve the Minutes of August 26, 2024.

Motion Carried

4.b RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

Motion by: Vice-Chair Heuring

Seconded by: Committee Member Gatons

Receive and file Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee status report for October 2024.

Motion Carried

5. CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER:

4.c RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE 2024/2025 WORKPLAN UPDATE

Chair Blackburn requested that policies on matters within the scope of the Committee be brought before the Committee prior to City Council consideration and approval.

The Committee briefly discussed the immense value of the resources provided on the landscape and maintenance page of the City's website.

Motion by: Vice-Chair Heuring

Seconded by: Committee Member Gatons

Receive and file update on the Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee's 2024/2025 Workplan.

Motion Carried

6. ACTION CALENDAR

6.a GREENHOUSE (GHG) MEASURES FOR COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CCAP)

Deputy Director of Economic Development, Amy Lawrence, presented a staff report and responded to member inquiries.

Motion by: Committee Member Gatons

Seconded by: Committee Member Nelson

Provide feedback on potential Greenhouse (GHG) Measures to be included in the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP).

Motion Carried

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS & COMMENTS

7.a RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Members requested to add updates on the following items to the next Committee meeting agenda:

Notice of Completion for irrigation systems

Solar panels installed by the City of Palm Desert

Committee members also shared interest in having a representative from the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens present and address the committee.

7.b CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Mayor Pro Tem Harnik reported on the number of citations issued on Hovley Lane and provided additional information on the solar panel projects and discussions regarding artificial turf.

7.c CITY STAFF

Deputy Director of Economic Development Amy Lawrence provided updates on the Environmental Initiatives Plan and the consulting contract that assists with SB1383.

7.d ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

9. PUBLIC NOTICES

Michelle Nance, Deputy Clerk II
Recording Secretary

Amy Lawrence, Deputy Director of Economic Development
Secretary

DATE APPROVED BY RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE