

5. ACTION CALENDAR

A. DEVELOPMENT OF AN ARTIFICIAL TURF POLICY

Community Services Manager Shawn Muir provided a staff report and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Following discussion, MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER MASON, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR BLACKBURN, CARRIED 6-0, to direct staff to develop a policy prohibiting the use of artificial turf on City owned properties and to utilize desert landscaping where necessary.

B. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION BUSINESS MODELS

Project Managers Kevin Swartz and Chris Gerry narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Donald Ziegler, Palm Desert resident, spoke in support of allowing the private sector to implement and manage charging stations and suggested the city encourage residents and business owners to invest in personal charging stations for their homes.

By consensus, the Committee was unsupportive of the City funding the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations and provided feedback concerning alternative options. No formal action was taken on this item.

C. ESTABLISH 2024/2025 WORKPLAN FOR THE RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Deputy Director of Economic Development Amy Lawrence provided a staff report and responded to Committee inquiries.

Donald Ziegler, Palm Desert resident, urged the Committee to prioritize and explore alternative energy sources when goalsetting and to work closely with the City Council and City staff on the creation of a Climate Action Plan.

**Committee Member Gomez left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.*

Following discussion, MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER MASON, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR BLACKBURN, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt the 2024/2025 Workplan for the Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee consisting of the following priorities:

- Water Conservation
- Sustainable Landscaping
- Energy Conservation