



Citizen Advisory Sub-Committee: Green Future

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Solid Waste Conference Room, 5:30pm

Meeting Minutes by Erin Romaine, Management Assistant II

Sub-Committee Members

Terry Benelli – Lead

Patrick Kee

Jenny Richardson

Green Future Staff Liaisons

Scott Bouchie, Environmental Management & Sustainability Department Director

Jodi Sorrell, Transit Services Director

Below is the list of ideas that need to be reviewed for further recommendation to the Advisory Board:

Idea Selected for Review	YES – Recommend in original form	YES – Recommend with modifications	NO – do not recommend
1. Power lines buried and alleys sold to willing neighbors			No. Low impact/High effort. Derailer
2. Mesa and SRP to replace overhead power poles with underground			No. Low impact/High effort. Derailer
3. Downtown to be serviced by City chilling system. Businesses downtown could subscribe.		Yes. Evaluate the technical and financial feasibility. Modifications on the original idea. Transformational. Could have a positive return down the road. Could draw more businesses to downtown. Positive effect on the City's bottom line.	
4. Converting existing public lights to solar powered			No. Look at this opportunity in 15 years.

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5. Light Rail to extend to Superstition Springs Mall by 2030		Yes. Modified version of the idea. Recommend exploring expanding the current direction of Transit to continue development east of Gilbert Rd.	
6. More Bus Routes Combine with #7		Yes. Recommend with modifications. Pursue at least one north/south bus route between Gilbert Rd. and Power Rd. Investigate the feasibility and return on investment. Options are Greenfield Rd. and/or Val Vista Dr.	
7. Bus Routes on North/South roads between Gilbert and Power in East Mesa Combine with #6		Yes. Recommend with modifications. Pursue at least one north/south bus route between Gilbert Rd. and Power Rd. Investigate the feasibility and return on investment. Options are Greenfield Rd. and/or Val Vista Dr.	
8. Food Waste Composting Facility/Aerobic Digestion (Expand Recycling)		Yes. Recommended with modifications to roll out a pilot program for 1-2 years for feasibility.	
9. Food Forest, community garden, nursery, community education center		Yes. Recommend with modifications. See notes above on RFP for other interest and potential locations. Focus on supporting local food, artists and increasing tourism.	

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10. Free Bulk Pick Up Days		Yes. Recommend with modifications. Increase the bulk item program from 2 days per week to 4 days per week, scheduled service. Invest in expanding the marketing efforts. Reduce wait times for customers.	
11. Large Metal City Clean Up bins available to neighborhoods 4 times per year		Yes. Recommend with modifications. Expand program from 1 time per year to allow residents to use the program 2 times per year. Could be a low cost option for those residents who are not able to pay the bulk item collection fee.	

Patrick Kee called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Terry Benelli is not in attendance, she has provided her feedback by email to Erin Romaine to be included the meeting discussion.

November 2nd meeting minutes are approved.

Free Bulk-Item Pick Up follow-up

- Gilbert picks up approximately 425 pounds per resident per month, they do not keep track of how many residential stops they make each month on their routes.
- To expand Mesa’s Bulk Item Collection services from 2 days per week to 4 days per week, we would split the city into 4 zones. The service would still be a scheduled service that customers would pay for each load, but the service would be available 4 days per week, decreasing the wait time to schedule their collection.
- The current rate covers the direct costs (truck, fuel, driver and landfill disposal) only. Increasing the service to 4 days a week would not increase the costs, we would continue to cover the direct costs. We would not need to purchase more trucks, we would need to increase staffing.
- The direct mailing marketing would be \$25,000.

Large Metal City Clean Up Bins Available to Neighborhoods 4 times per year

- Scott will provide a fiscal projection on the increase in availability of the Clean Sweep/Green Sweep program.

Patrick adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.

Draft Meeting minutes prepared by Erin Romaine, and sent to the committee for review on Monday, November 13th.