

# Meeting Minutes

## Imagine Mesa - Home Sub-Committee Meeting

### Members:

Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo –  
Lead Jake Brown  
Gina Rodriguez -absent

20 E. Main Street, Mesa, AZ  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room (450 North)  
**Thursday, November 2, 2017**  
**5:30pm**

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### 1. Call to Order

Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2017 Sub-Committee Meeting

Jake Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2017 sub-committee meeting, and seconded by Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo. The minutes were approved by the members present.

### 3. Hear presentations on requested information

Diane Brady, Animal Control Supervisor, shared with the sub-committee some additional information regarding feral cats and the distinction between the different types of cats – owned, stray, and feral, and the process of Trap and Release (TNR). Ms. Brady also shared some notable differences between how the City of Mesa operates currently, and how it did in the past.

Ms. Villanueva-Saucedo asked how many cats were picked up prior to the County charging.

Ms. Brady indicated that the City of Mesa used to drop off around 200 cats per month prior to incurring charges from the County.

Mr. Brown asked if the City of Mesa could operate their own shelter.

Ms. Brady indicated that the City of Mesa has considered it, but it has been cost prohibitive.

Ms. Brady explained that people do not want cats back in their neighborhood after TNR; however, TNR is currently the best-known practice across the country. Ms. Brady also shared some examples of methods attempted by other cities with little to no success for multiple reasons.

Ms. Villanueva-Saucedo asked if the only real solution is to increase the TNR funding.

Ms. Brady indicated that was correct, and that the City of Mesa has seen some success with TNR, specifically in certain zip codes where grant funding was received.

Mr. Brown asked where staff receives grants funding.

Ms. Brady indicated that Petsmart Charities is the main source.

Ms. Villanueva-Saucedo asked if the City of Mesa could partner with shelters or other agencies for grant.

Ms. Brady mentioned that Staff would be glad to partner.

**4. Discuss and Evaluate Ideas**

The sub-committee narrowed down the ideas to five that they would like to move forward analyzing, see Begin Finalizing Recommendations. In addition, the sub-committee also wanted to highlight their support and recognize the importance of the below ideas, since the ideas below are ideas/projects the City of Mesa is already considering.

- Library - A Library in Eastmark and/or Southeast Mesa
- Homeless - Mesa to address the homeless situation
- Broadway Road - The Broadway Road corridor to look nicer to attract more businesses
- Banners- To honor military, police, & fire with banners displayed downtown
- Fire Station - A new Fire Station in Eastmark

**5. Begin Finalizing Recommendations**

The sub-committee decided to analyze the following ideas. Mr. Brown and Ms. Villanueva-Saucedo will complete the rest of the Idea Evaluation Worksheet (sub-committee recommendation and Impact/Effort Matrix) for the below ideas prior to the November 16, 2017 Imagine Mesa Committee Meeting.

1. Little free library in neighborhoods (Jake Brown)
2. Proactive code compliance officers (Jake Brown)
3. Control of the feral cat population (Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo)
4. Increase numbers of Police Officers (Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo)
5. Entry signs into Mesa (Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo)

**6. Identify information needed for the next sub-committee meeting**

No information necessary, at this point.

**7. Scheduling of Meetings and General Information**

The sub-committee determined that they did not need to meet on November 9, 2017.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.