



IMAGINE MESA ADVISORY COMMITTEE Home Sub-Committee Meeting

October 5, 2017

The "at Home" Sub-Committee of the Imagine Mesa Advisory Committee of the City of Mesa met in the Mesa City Plaza, fourth floor 450-North conference room, 20 East Main Street, on October 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENT

Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo – Lead
Jake Brown

COMMITTEE ABSENT

Gina Rodriguez

STAFF PRESENT

RJ Zeder
Eloy Garza
Andrew Calhoun
Jeff Robbins

1. Call to Order.

Sub-Committee Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Review the idea spreadsheet and determine which ideas will be reviewed.

The sub-committee members discussed the ideas from the Idea Spreadsheet and determined which ideas that they wanted to further evaluate.

3. Begin evaluation of ideas.

This item was moved to the next sub-committee meeting pending further information on the selected ideas.

4. Identify information needed for the next sub-committee meeting.

The sub-committee identified the following information that they would like for discussion at the next meeting:

#1 New fire stations

Idea A. [A new fire station in Eastmark](#)

Idea B. [Mesa Fire Department to build a Fire Station at 32nd St and McDowell Rd](#)

Question A: Map, and list, of current fire stations and any plans for future fire stations

Question A: Information related to any future Mesa Fire bond requests

Question A: Approximate staffing requirements for a planned (or standard) fire station

Question B: Are there plans to build a Fire Station at 32nd St and McDowell Rd in the future? If yes, what is the timeline?

#4 Social Services

Idea D. [We Would like to see Mesa put a freeze on all new assisted living facilities and section 8 housing](#)

Question D: Has the City of Mesa attempted “freeze” these types of developments in the past? If yes:

- When did was this attempt made?
- Were there any negative repercussions for the City of Mesa?
- What transpired, legal?

Question D: Are there federal/state/city rights (Fair Housing Act) that would prohibit the “freezing” of these facilities?

#5 Shade Trees

Idea A. [More shade providing trees in off street parking lots for cooler cars, cooler lots, and cleaner air.](#)

Question A: What are the current requirements for new developments and landscaping, specifically for parking lots?

Question A: Can we increase these in order to create more shade?

#6 Libraries

Idea A. [Southeast Mesa to have a 21st century library](#)

Idea B. [a Library in Eastmark](#)

Question A: What plans does the City of Mesa have, or would like to have, for future libraries or satellite libraries?

Question A: Are there any plans to add new libraries into a future bond?

Question A: Approximately what does a standard library cost to build and staff? What does a satellite library costs to build and staff?

Question B: Are there any plans to build a library in Eastmark in the future? If yes, what is the timeline?

#7 Public safety

Idea A. [faster response times from the police department](#)

Idea B. [more firefighters and police](#)

Idea C. [better trained police and a more professional approach to the community focused on customer service](#)

Idea D. [more law enforcement to stop loitering and panhandling outside of grocery and convenient stores](#)

Idea F. [police dress like civilians & have lunch in the park & interact w/ the people in the City casually](#)

Idea I. [better public safety with more cops and a city court who is tough on crime](#)

Question A/B/D/I: Are there plans to seek a sales tax increase or bond to increase staffing?

Question C: How does Mesa PD currently train its staff to ensure positive customer service? Are there plans to enhance overall training and customer service training? If yes, please describe and provide details.

Question F: What community policing is Mesa PD already doing?

Question F: Are there any future community policing plans Mesa PD is looking to initiate? If yes, please describe. Is it possible to replicate coffee with a cop in the park?

#8 Code enforcement

Idea A. [To see Mesa start enforcing city codes and require property owners to keep their property clean](#)

Question A: Information and costs related to two (2) additional Code Compliance Officers that would be responsible for proactive enforcement.

#9 Animal Services

Idea A. [Some control of the feral cat population](#)

Question A: What does the City of Mesa currently do to control/reduce the feral cat population?

Question A: How does the State define feral cats and how it differs from dogs?

Question A: Are there special state/county restrictions or rules when it comes to feral cats?

Question A: What can the City of Mesa do/what can the City of Mesa not do?

Question A: What could the City of Mesa do with more resources?

Note: Subcommittee is very interested in reducing the feral cat population. They have heard about the Trap and Release Programs but would like more information on other avenues as well.

#13 Free little libraries in neighborhoods

Question: Subcommittee would like information on these "little libraries in neighborhoods" as well as associated costs, if other cities are involved with them, incentive programs, etc.

#22 Entry signs into Mesa

Idea A. [The North entry roads to Mesa cleaned up and fixed with nice "Welcome to Mesa" signs](#)

Idea B. [Nicer entries into Mesa](#)

Question A/B: Subcommittee would like costs associated with entry/monument signs (i.e. Riverview)

5. Scheduling of Meetings and General Information.

The next sub-committee meeting will be held at 5:30pm on October 19, 2017.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Imagine Mesa Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

