

Citizen Advisory Sub-Committee: Green Future

Thursday, October 5, 2017 MCP Room 450, 6:00pm

Meeting Minutes by Erin Romaine, Management Assistant II Facilitator, Mariel Klein, Management Assistant I

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

Terry Benelli called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Discussion: Items in red require action

- > Agreed to look at what ideas have 20 or more "Me Too's" first.
- What feedback are we providing the "Idea Champions" after the Citizen Advisory Committee has reviewed the idea? Some responses have been not well received by the public on the website.
- Next meeting

Tentative Agenda:

- ➤ Thursday, October 19th (*Recommended Location*: Transportation Building 300 E. 6th Street) 5:30-7:30pm
 - Mariel Klein Meeting Minutes
 - o Mass Transit Jodi Sorrell
 - Busses (15 minutes)

https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-bus-routes-on-north-south https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-more-bus-routes

Light Rail (15 minutes)

https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-light-rail-to-extend-to-shttps://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-expanded-light-rail

- District Cooling Frank McRae (15 minutes)
 - https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-downtown-to-be-serviced-w
- Buried Powerlines Frank McRae (15 minutes)
 - https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-the-power-lines-buried-an
- Public Solar Powered Street Lights RJ Zeder (15 minutes)
 - https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-part-of-the-city-budget-t
- Alley Abandonment RJ Zeder (15 minutes)
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- Wrap-Up/Next Meeting Discussion (30 minutes)

- o November 2nd (Location: Solid Waste Building 730 N. Mesa Dr.)
 - Erin Romaine Meeting Minutes
 - Food Forest Dennis McClung-Idea Champion (15 minutes)
 - Expand Recycling Adding Food Waste & Composting Scott Bouchie (15 minutes)
 - Food Forest Scott Bouchie (15 minutes)
 - Bulk Item Scott Bouchie (15 minutes)
 - Wrap-Up/Next Meeting Discussion (30 minutes)

Food Forest Idea:

520 Me Too's

- 1. Does anything exist currently?
 - MUG Community Garden in Mesa, 212 E. 1st Ave.
 - http://mesaurbangarden.org/
- 2. Could we look at this in a larger scale?
 - Community Center dedicated to food forest, community garden, farmer's market
 - Acquisition of land?
 - Viewed the video on Imagine Mesa idea
- 3. City of Mesa staff can come back to the committee regarding the edible food/fruit and what type of options may be available and the resources and impacts.
- 4. Reviewed Items below the main idea to keep or remove:
 - Letter c. "Empty lots to be turned into food forests where residents can pick fruit off trees and pick veggies" *Remove, already exists*
 - Letter d. "community vegetable gardening plots, with guidance/workshops by master gardeners" Clarified this is City owned land leased to MUG and operated by MUG, a non-profit organization. Remove, already exists.
 - Letter k. "all new developers to include community gardens and compose areas in new neighborhoods" *Remove, not feasible.*
 - Letter f. "revolutionize our food supply using urban farming accelerators to create local, real food" *Remove*, *high effort*.
 - Idea 28. It is a requirement for all city property to have 50% edible landscaping. *Remove, not feasible.*
 - Letter g. Edible fruit scaping instead of only native trees, plant fruit trees too. Help the homeless and hungry. *Remove, already exists with MUG*.
 - Letter h. to see more veggie gardens. My garden is from November til April. Some begin in April. *Remove.*
 - Letter i. To start a community garden at Dobson Ranch! La Casita has a perfect space. Remove, private community.
 - Letter j. to be part of this process from its genesis. This can be so good, and the produce awesome. *Remove, more of a statement.*
 - Letter I. Large gardens like NPR facebook post. On the ground & could include tiny houses. *Remove.*

Free Bulk Pick-Up:

178 Me Too's

- 1. What is the effort and impact?
 - Staff will come back with presentation and explanation of the existing program, how it is programed into the utility bill.
 - Include Idea 8. The large metal city clean-up bins available to neighborhoods at least 4 times a year.

Mass Transit:

88 Me Too's

Agreed this infrastructure has been transformational and has a high impact in the community as well has high impact on resources.

- 1. Staff will prepare a presentation on Letter c. expanded light rail
- 2. Staff will prepare a presentation on Letter b., i, k.
 - What is the effort, cost, benefits beyond availability of mass transit?
- 3. Reviewed Items below the main idea to keep or remove:
 - Letter h., d. "youth (ages 6-18) to be able to take Valley Metro public transportation (bus or light rail) for free" *Remove, discounts exist.*
 - Letter e. water filling stations along the light rail and public areas. Remove
 - Letter f. to install solar powered bus stops to charge devices and other transit oriented development. *Remove, other devices exist.*
 - Letter g. a raffle contest to support businesses affected by light rail construction. Removed, other programs already in place.
 - Letter j. more free busses/shuttles to shopping centers. Remove, not feasible. Downtown Buzz is unique to Title 6 and route requirements.
 - Letter I. every bus stop to be climate controlled, to play multigenerational music. *Remove, not feasible.*

Other ideas reviewed to keep or remove:

- Idea 4. Remove, not feasible
- Idea 5.
 - o A. Remove. Many programs already exist and funded
 - o B. Remove. We can send a letter to let the schools know that Mesa has some recommendations on where to find the resources the idea refers to.
 - o C. Remove
- Idea 6.
 - o Permanent facility under construction
 - o Groundbreaking in late November 2018, 2412 N. Center.
 - o Open 20 hours per week
 - Send letter announcing the Permanent Facility to each of the Me Too's.
- Idea 7.
 - Staff to present on composting and food waste.
- Idea 8.
 - o Combined with Idea 2.
- Idea 9.

- o How solar friendly is Mesa?
- o Mesa does have a solar rebate/incentive program for residential customers.
- o Bus and transit stops have solar powered lights.
- Staff to present on Solar on City street lights
- Idea 10.
 - o Remove, already exists. LIHEAP.
 - o Send notification regarding this program.
- Idea 11.
 - o Remove, against regulation.
- Idea 12.
 - Remove, existing with proposal for MAC (can report on outcome).
- Idea 13.
 - o Remove, add to Idea 7
- Idea 14.
 - Recommend a social media share
- Idea 15.
 - o Remove
- Idea 16.
 - Staff presentation on this idea. Same as Idea 19
- Idea 17.
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- Idea 18.
 - o Recommend to add information to the Imagine Mesa website.
 - o Is this easily found on the mesaaz.gov website?
- Idea 19.
 - o Same as Idea 16.
- Idea 20.
 - o Remove.
- Idea 21.
 - o Remove.
- Idea 22.
 - o Remove.
- Idea 23.
 - o Remove.
- Idea 24.
 - o Remove.
- Idea 25.
 - o Same as Idea 7
- Idea 26.
 - o Remove.
- Idea 27.
 - o Remove.
- Idea 28.
 - o Remove.
- Idea 29.
 - Provide information on the website
- Idea 30.

- o Remove.
- Idea 30.
 - o Remove.

New Ideas in Green

- Idea 1
 - o Remove.
- Idea 2
 - o Remove.
- Idea 3
 - o Provide information on website.
- Idea 4
 - o Refer to Home
- Idea 5
 - o Refer to Idea Museum

Terry Benelli adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Meeting notes submitted to sub-committee members and staff liaisons on Monday, October 9^{th} for review by Erin Romaine.

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2 Free bulk pick up days		178 Mary Foulk	https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-free-bulk-pick-up-days
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Green Future 13 A free mulch and free woodchip program for all city residents	5 Joshua Hadley https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-a-free-mulch-and-free-woo
Green Future 14 To promote growing raised garden beds in front yards over lawns or desert landscape	4 Tania Jane <u>https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-to-promote-growing-raised</u>
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Innovation 17 Downtown to be serviced with the city chilling system . All the business downtown could subscribe	2 Laurent Teichı https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-downtown-to-be-serviced-w
Green Future 18 To see the automatic sprinkler systems conserve water wisely	1 Burgess <u>https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-to-see-the-automatic-spri</u>
Home 19 Mesa to work with SRP to replace all tall standing power poles with underground power	1 Ellen Granillo https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-mesa-to-work-with-srp-to
Innovation 20 The first fully powered city energized by solar power	1 Mark Steven Chttps://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-the-first-fully-powered-c
Green Future 21 Neighborhood Energy Efficiency in Mesa	1 Ashley L. Cam https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-neighborhood-energy-effic
Green Future 22 To see the city help residents remove dead trees - equipment/discounted fee	1 Teresa Willian https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-to-see-the-city-help-resi
Green Future 23 Ideas for recycling air conditioner condensation water runoff	1 Amy https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-ideas-for-recycling-air-c
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Green Future 29 Support for home and business rain water harvesting systems	1 David Douthit https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-support-for-home-and-busi
Green Future 30 To show you a Vertical Tower Garden created by NASA that uses over 90% less land and water	1 Linda Fuller <u>https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-to-show-you-a-vertical-to</u>
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Green Future our green Mesa to have gardens and rooftops to have gardens as well	2 Celista https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-our-green-mesa-to-have-ga
Green Future neighbors to take of the littering, clean the atmosphere	1 Jonny Morten https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-neighbors-to-take-of-the

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Green Future	Me gustaria opinar acerca de establecer un centro de artesanias y manualidades con material reciclad I would like to give my opinion about establishing a center for arts and crafts with recycled materials	1 Armida	https://neighborland.com/ideas/mesa-az-me-gustaria-opinar-acerca		