



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (ES) ADVISORY (ESAC) WASTE DIVERSION, COLLECTIONS, AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

*Approved by the Subcommittee on December 2, 2015
Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 12:00 P.M.
Ward 6 Council Office West Conference Room
3202 E. 1st St., Tucson, Arizona

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Kristin Ginter, at 12:01 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Kristin Ginter
Daniel Uthe

Representative, City Manager's Office
Representative, Ward 6

Absent:

Margot Garcia, Chair

Representative, City Manager's Office

Staff Members Present:

Pat L. Tapia
Fran LaSala
Cristina Polsgrove

Deputy Director, ES
Environmental Manager, ES
Public Information Officer, ES

2. Approval of Minutes for October 7, 2015

It was moved by Committee Member Uthe, duly seconded, to approve the minutes for October 7, 2015. Motion passed by a voice vote of 2 to 0 (Chair Garcia absent).

3. Chairperson's Report

No report was given.

4. Director's Update

- **Santa Cruz Artwork**

Pat L. Tapia, Deputy Director, announced ES was working with the City of Tucson-Parks and Recreation Department and Pima County to relocate artwork that was located on land that had previously served as a landfill along the Santa Cruz River.

- **South Tucson**

Mr. Tapia announced ES would present an intergovernmental agreement to the Tucson Mayor and Council to assume waste and recycling collection services in the City of South Tucson. Details of the agreement were still under discussion but ES anticipated the agreement would be presented at the December meeting of the Mayor and Council.

5. ReCommunity Materials Recovery Facility Monthly Update

Fran LaSala, Environmental Manager, provided an update on the funds received to date from ReCommunity for Fiscal Year 2016. He also presented invoices received and explained how the invoices would change once the contract with ReCommunity was amended.

6. Waste Diversion / Zero Waste Efforts

No discussion was held.

7. Ward 5 Contamination Study Update

Pat L. Tapia and Fran LaSala provided the results of an audit taken of recycling containers on a Friday Route conducted in Ward 5. Of the containers re-inspected, staff found a net improvement of eleven percent after residents were sent educational information on recycling. Subcommittee members asked to see the results of a full audit of all the recycling containers inspected in Ward 5.

8. Collections

- **Tires**

Pat L. Tapia gave an update on tire expenses for ES trucks and presented information on a study that was being conducted to reduce vehicle maintenance costs.

9. Public Outreach

- **Know Where to Throw**

Cristina Polsgrove, Public Information Officer, provided details on the upcoming Know Where to Throw event that would be held on November 14, 2015.

- **Common Ground Award**

Ms. Polsgrove announced the Food Scrap Collection and Compost Service recently received a Common Ground Award from the Metropolitan Pima

Alliance. The Food Scrap Collection and Compost Service was made possible through a partnership between the City of Tucson-Environmental Services, the University of Arizona Compost Cats, and the San Xavier Cooperative Farm on the Tohono O'odham Nation.

- **Neighborhood Association Outreach**

Ms. Polsgrove announced the ES Director, Andrew Quigley, was meeting with local neighborhood associations to touch base and address any concerns they might have.

10. Future Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The following topics were submitted for the next subcommittee meeting:

- Second Audit of the ReCommunity MRF
- TreeCycle Update

Subcommittee members agreed to tentatively schedule the next subcommittee meeting for Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

11. Call to the Audience

None.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.