

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager
Date: September 13, 2019
Re: Notes to Council

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Respectfully submitted,



Michael Spurgeon

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Attachments

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION





INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Larry Curtis, Acting Director of Community Development
Date: September 13, 2019
Re: Community Development updates

The following updates are being provided to the Council for review:

1. On August 12, 2019 Tammy Ewing from the City Attorney's Office sent you an email in regards to the Steeple Chase HOA Petition regarding a median cut- through along 37th Street South. Mr. Juan Huerta-Ramirez is requesting the cut for full access to his property. Neighbors in the Steeple Chase subdivision are opposed to it because of perceived safety concerns and beautification of the entrance to the subdivision. This application is reviewed and approved or denied from an administration level.

Community Development Staff has reviewed the application, required modifications, and received updated material. Through this process Community Development has recommended approval. This application was also reviewed by the Traffic Control Committee and recommended for approval. Both the Engineering & Construction Department along with Streets and Stormwater Department has approved the application.

As this permit is approved, staff will be sending a letter out to the HOA on Monday, September 16, 2019 notifying them that Mr. Huerta-Ramirez can move forward with his work no earlier than Thursday, September 19, 2019. This should allow for enough notification before the work commences.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Curtis

2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION



Recycle Committee presents recommendation to BA Council

- The Committee's recommendation includes a City-provided recycling cart, continued use of trash bags and once per week pick up.
- The presentation will be made to the Broken Arrow City Council on Sept. 17.

INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY:

- **SPOKESPERSON:** Russell Peterson, Chairperson, Citizens Recycle Committee
- **DATE:** Wednesday, Sept 11, 10:00 a.m.

"After meeting for over two years and studying all aspects of recycling, the Citizens Recycle Committee looks forward to making our recommendation to the City. On behalf of the Committee, I can proudly say that this entire process has been a very thoughtful and strategic effort, involving the whole community from the beginning. This recommendation was made after evaluating the data gleaned from the two curbside recycling pilot projects, and we believe our recommendation to implement a City-provided recycling cart and phase out trash bags in three years is one that Broken Arrow citizens can live with."

Russell Peterson, Chairperson

Background:

The Citizens Recycle Committee will present its recommendation regarding curbside recycling and the use of carts to the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority (BAMA) on Sept. 17.

The Committee met twice in August to discuss a consultant's report of the data gathered from the two pilot programs that ran from January-May of this year. After a review of the findings, the committee will recommend using a cart for recyclables and moving to once-per-week pickup. City-provided trash bags would still be provided, but at a reduced amount due to recyclables being removed from regular trash. The Committee also recommends the trash bags be phased out for a two-cart system within three years after implementation of this recommendation.

BAMA, which is comprised of the five City Councilors and oversees the City's Sanitation service, will take the committee's recommendation, as well as any City staff recommendations, under consideration before making a final decision sometime this fall.

If BAMA adopts a cart-based curbside recycling program, it will likely take a year or more for the City to implement curbside recycling for all sanitation customers in the City. The lengthy implementation is required for logistical reasons, such as purchasing and distributing carts, determining new routes, training personnel and purchasing or retrofitting trucks for carts.

The BAMA meeting immediately follows the regular Sept. 17 City Council meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 220 S. 1st St.

About the Citizens Recycle Committee

The Committee, comprised of 12 members of the public and two Councilors (one as an alternate), was formed in fall 2016 after a citizens survey in Spring 2016 showed a favorable attitude to implementing a curbside recycling program in the City. Committee members were tasked with understanding the opinions of Broken Arrow refuse customers and to serve as a guide for the development of future refuse and recycling services.

Meeting 14 times between November 2016 and July 2017, the committee recommended two pilot programs to determine the best possible solution for Broken Arrow. One pilot program utilized two carts, one each for trash and recyclables, while the other utilized one recycling cart and continued the use of City-provided trash bags. Both pilots utilized one pickup per week.

About BA's Refuse Service

Broken Arrow's Sanitation Division provides refuse pickup services to more than 33,000 residential solid waste customers. Residents receive twice-weekly trash service, either Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday.

Sanitation crews collect approximately 3,100 tons of refuse monthly. This varies throughout the year based on yard waste. The average Broken Arrow household generates about 203 pounds of solid waste per month. Refuse is taken to the Covanta Energy from Waste Facility. Covanta is approximately 15 miles from the center of Broken Arrow.

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Group ride celebrates Main Street Bikeway

20-sec drone video link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/1vsvkknag72yzud/Bikeway%201.MOV?dl=0>

- Public invited to join a group ride from Washington and Main north to the Rose District Plaza.
- BAPD and INCOG will have information on bike safety, traffic laws regarding bicycles and the regional trail network.

DETAILS:

Broken Arrow will celebrate its new Main Street Bikeway on Friday, Sept. 13, with a group ride. Anyone who would like to join the ride is welcome. (Please wear a helmet.)

The approximately 1.1-mile ride will begin at 10 a.m. at Washington (91st) and Main Streets, near Harvest Church. The group will ride north using the bikeway and stop at the Rose District Plaza at 418 S. Main St.

The Broken Arrow Police Department and INCOG will have representatives available at the Plaza with information about bike safety, traffic laws regarding bicycles, back-in parking along South Main Street, and the regional trail network that connects much of the Tulsa metropolitan area.

In case of rain, the ride will be held at the same time Monday, Sept. 16.

The Main Street Bikeway project is the first bikeway for Broken Arrow, and, as part of INCOG's regional GO Plan, it will eventually connect to the popular Liberty Parkway Trail, a nine-mile trail that follows the Creek Turnpike in south Broken Arrow. The \$504,000 project was primarily funded through a \$378,000 federal Transportation Alternatives Grant. The remaining funding came from the Parks and Recreation Department's capital fund.

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Jennifer Swezey, Community Relations Liaison
Date: September 13, 2019
Re: Recent News Articles

Below are some links to news coverage in Broken Arrow this week.

<https://www.newson6.com/story/41042318/broken-arrow-testing-new-recycling-program>

<https://ktul.com/news/local/broken-arrow-recycling-recommendations>

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Swezey

3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

