

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Services

AGENDA DATE: June 15, 2010

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Ellen A. Smyth, P.E., Director, (915) 621-6719

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

Formal Report of the Environmental Services Legislative Review Committee, Representative Susie Byrd, Chair.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Environmental Services LRC met on May 6, 2010. Members present were Representative Susie Byrd, Chair, Representative Ann Morgan Lilly, and Representative Emma Acosta. The following items were discussed and a formal report has been submitted,

1. Discussion and action on tire disposal options and other potential projects that support sustainability. (Ellen Smyth, Director, (915) 621-6719)
2. Discussion and action on Section 20.02.1136 to discuss flea market vendors. (Ellen Smyth, Director, (915) 621-6719)

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

n/a

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

n/a

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Action Report**

Committee: Environmental Services

Members of the Environmental Services LRC:

City Representative Susie Byrd (Chair)
City Representative Ann Morgan Lilly
City Representative Emma Acosta

Staff Assignee: Ellen A. Smyth, Director, Environmental Services

Date of Meeting: May 6, 2010

I. Discussion and action on tire disposal options and other potential sustainability projects.
(Ellen Smyth, Director, (915) 621-6719)

Summary:

Various tire disposal options and associated financial and environmental costs were discussed. The intent was to establish the best method to dispose of scrap tires in a most financial responsible means and to achieve the best environmental, sustainable goals.

Action Taken:

The LRC voted to recommend to the City Manager the establishment of a team that would work with the Purchasing Department and other departments to establish alternatives and costs to achieve sustainability goals. The LRC recommended that staff work towards building higher environmental standard on the tire bids and other city projects, work with the private sector to explore recycling alternatives, and explore the creation of an end-use market for scrap tires.

Disposition:

Staff will work continue to work on exploring recycling options..

II. Discussion and action on Section 5.30, 20.100, and 20.02.1136 of the El Paso City Code regarding flea market operator and vendor permits. (Ellen Smyth, Director, (915) 621-6719)

Summary:

The proposed amendments impose more stringent requirements for flea market operators and flea market vendors. The amendments include requirements for a separate license for each separate space rented, display of license in each rented space, vendors providing proof of license to flea market operator prior to renting spaces, record keeping requirements for flea market operators, and the removal of dollar amounts from the fee section.

Action Taken:

The LRC was supportive of the proposed amendments and requested that staff conduct stakeholder's meetings. Rep. Byrd will coordinate with the Planning Department to evaluate the option of establishing open air markets that are more neighborhood friendly.

Disposition:

Will bring to a future Council meeting.

III. Discussion and action on Pricing Matrix for Property Clean-ups. (Ellen Smyth, Director, (915) 621-6892)

Summary:

Item was deleted.

Action Taken:

No action

Disposition:

No action.

SUBMITTED BY:

City Representative Suzie Byrd, District 2
Chair, Environmental Services LRC

Ellen A. Smyth, P.E.
Director, Environmental Services