



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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Broken Arrow Municipal Authority
Meeting of: 09-17-2019

Title:

Presentation, discussion, and possible acceptance of the Broken Arrow Pilot Project Report and recommendation of the Citizen Recycle Committee Report

Background:

On January 19, 2016 the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority (BAMA) approved a professional services agreement with Gersham, Brickner & Bratton (GBB) to conduct a Refuse and Recycling survey. On August 16, 2016 the survey was presented to the Authority. As a result of the survey, BAMA approved the City Manager's recommendation to create a Citizen's Recycle committee to study the options available to implement a recycling program for single family homes.

The Citizens Recycle Committee was established to submit recommendations and serve as a guide in the development and decision making process of future refuse and recycling services. Their first meeting was held on November 29, 2016. On August 1, 2017, The Recycling Committee and GBB, presented the Citizens Recycle Committee Activity Report and their recommendations. On December 5, 2017 BAMA directed staff to proceed with implementing a dual curbside recycling pilot program as proposed by the Citizen's Recycle Committee.

GBB was further retained to assist staff in the implementation, outreach, education and analysis of the two pilot projects. The pilot projects started January 31, 2019 and concluded May 17, 2019. GBB prepared a draft pilot project report which was sent to the Recycle Committee members. The Recycle committee met on two occasions in August 2019 to review and discuss the data and to make a recommendation to the Authority. The Committee recommended the following action steps:

1. Convert the entire City to once a week collection via rerouting;
2. Issue all customers a 96 gallon blue recycling cart with the option to opt-out;
3. Continue collection of garbage and yard waste in bags with a 50% reduction in bags to each customer;
4. Consider beginning to replenish truck fleet with automated trucks for collecting recyclables; and,
5. Within 3 years of the date of implementation of the recycling program implement trash carts and eliminate the trash bag program.

Russell Peterson, Committee Chairman and Kate Vasquez, Senior Consultant for GBB will present the Pilot Project Activity Report and their recommendations.

Staff recommends accepting the report.

Cost: None

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Funding Source: None

Requested By: Lee Zirk, General Service Director

Approved By: City Manager's Office

Attachments: Activity Report: 2019 Recycling Pilot Projects

Recommendation:

Accept the report and provide staff future direction.