Memorandum



DATE May 16, 2017

Honorable Members of the Quality of Life & Environment Committee: Sandy Greyson (Chair), Tiffinni A. Young (Vice-Chair), Rickey D. Callahan, Mark Clayton, Philip T. Kingston, B. Adam McGough

SUBJECT Community Clean-Ups

On Monday, May 22, 2017 the Quality of Life & Environment Committee will be briefed on Community Clean-Ups. Briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

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Assistant City Manager

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Presentation Overview

- Purpose
- Background
- Issues/Operational Impacts
- Proposed Action
- Next Steps



Purpose

 Adopt a consistent and easy-to-use process to support neighborhood and community cleanups

Background

- The City provides once a month scheduled bulk trash pick up throughout the City
- In support of community-driven anti-litter and environmental cleanup events, the City provides outof-schedule bulk trash pickup through several programs:
 - Operation Beautification
 - It's My Park Day
 - TRUE Trinity River Urban Environment cleanups
 - Other individual community cleanup events



Background

Program	Inception	Scheduling / Coordination	Frequency	Typical Participation
Operation Beautification	May 2012	Planning & Urban Design	Biannual (Spring & Fall)	> 30 groups per event
It's My Park Day Cleanups	March 2011	Park & Recreation	Biannual (Spring & Fall)	> 60 groups per event
TRUE Cleanups	October 2014	Trinity Watershed Management	16 per year on average	> 80 volunteers per event
Individual Community Cleaups	June 2016	311; Planning & Urban Design	Ad Hoc	20 groups since inception

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Issues & Operational Impacts

Resources

- Individual community cleanups typically provide short notice for out-of-schedule trash collection:
 - 18 out of 20 did not coincide with bulk trash week
 - 12 out of 20 provided less than 30 days notice
- Out-of-schedule bulk trash or brush collection increases overtime costs to City:
 - Individual Community Cleanups: \$600 per event
 - Operation Beautification: \$265 per event



Issues & Operational Impacts

- Consistency
 - Only individual community cleanups are currently tracked via the 311 system
 - Outreach and education is not coordinated across cleanup programs to increase awareness and enhance participation in regularly scheduled events



Proposed Action

- Adopt a consistent and convenient process to support all neighborhood cleanup events
 - Encourage participation in biannual Operation Beautification through outreach and free, out-ofschedule trash collection
 - For individual cleanup events:
 - Require 30-day advance notice for collection during scheduled bulk/brush week
 - Offer roll-off containers, based on availability, for collection outside of scheduled bulk/brush week
 - Track all neighborhood cleanups through 311 system
 - Implement outreach and education campaign





Next Steps

- Implement outreach and education campaign
 - Homeowner Association/Neighborhood Association database
 - DWU water bills
 - Social media
- By September 2017, implement new process and improved tracking thru 311 for fall events



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