Stakeholder Interview Questions

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Inter-departmental Questions - CED

1. What does your vision for Tacoma’s environment look like in 20 years and how it may impact the goals of your department?

   Rain Gardens are the standard moving forward. How can the City help them get there?

   No homelessness, can the City puts them to work making the City green?

2. What do you view as the biggest strengths and weaknesses of ES?

   ES crews are very responsive. Romero is a HUGE HELP!

   Environmental videos are good.

   The recycling rules are different in the City than the County. A lot of their staff live in the County. Can we partner with the County to have one standard?

   The City recycling signage is difficult to understand. New signs are needed, can we help? Can they use the County signs? Signs needs pictures or translation.

   Staff needs to be conscious when responding to a call involving a SSO, that they need to remove contaminated boots before walking through private property.

   Claims process is difficult. Legal never even called to ask questions, and only paid one claim.

3. How could communications and cooperation be improved between our departments?

   GOTO Person: We need a point person for the school district and they need one for ES.

4. How could ES better serve the School District?

   Re-evaluate the LID rate break. Is there flexibility? Pilot project.

   Is there a yard waste opportunity. Michael has some ideas on how it could be successful, but we may need to amend our service.

   They need new cardboard bins.

   Waste Audit – could this be an opportunity on which TPS students could work with City staff?
The school district would like to get ahead of the stormwater cleaning and requirements, rather than getting the 30 day nasty grams. Can we help?

5. Is there anything your department has planned in the next 20 years which could impact Environmental Services, such as major initiatives, policies, or codes?

Turf fields

Cross-building utilization with Parks

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