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To: Chad Centola
Subject: Additional Material for Public Hearing on Residential Recycling
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Mr. Centola:

Please include materials from the February 2022 Sunriver Scene Letters from Readers and Letters: Chorus of One (starts on Page 28) in the record for the Hearing. The material can be found at https://issuu.com/sunriverscene/docs/february_2022_sunriver_scene and the attached scanned files.

Sincerely,

Edward Pitera

Member 25 Quelah Lane

Sunriver, OR



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Response to recycling story

By Sarah Dulak

As it relates to the recycling center, the author has a bone to pick with those residents that didn't view the expanded recycling center (and considerable accompanying investment) as the optimal solution to the problem, yet she fails to provide any reasoning for why a new center would have solved the identified challenges, the main one being that people dump their trash at the center.

Additionally, given that we are already on the list for Cascade Disposal to start side-yard service (obviously the vastly preferred solution), why would the HOA outlay for an expanded center for it to become obsolete? Furthermore, according to Cascade, they are "not" the ones holding this up and apparently have no staffing constraints, but have said they are waiting on final approval from regulators to get things rolling. So.... how can the SROA board influence/progress these approvals?

In the meantime, Susan Berger and I agree on one point, in that we have a serious problem with people dumping trash at the recycling center. Personally, I don't see how the proposed choice of making the trash-dumping site even larger solves a single thing about this issue. Instead of paying staff to clean up the mess, why don't we pay staff to supervise the center and advise tourists and locals alike if they may or may not leave certain items? I would much rather pay for a staff member to assist at the center yet this option has never been raised as far as I am aware. Every single time I visit the center (which is multiple times a week... see "preferred option above") I see trash in garbage bags inside the bins. This is just simply "dumping" and until we have street-side recycling, why do we not man the center and refuse to allow folks to leave their trash? This seems to me the affordable, pragmatic solution in the interim. Am I missing something?

Solutions to recycling center

By Elex Tenney

& John Wiest, Jr.

Here are the thoughts of two of the "vocal few" who opposed the Board's single, non-creative solution to the problem of Sunriver's "misfit child." This is a sustainable, cost effective, clean solution to the dump that is our recycling center.

- Gate the center with resident/employee only access card keys.
 - A nominal annual, maintenance fee.
 - Prohibit contractors, vendors, etc. from using the recycling center.
 - Staff the center with a "recycling guide" to monitor the area. This "guide" will inspect material to be able to reject non-recyclables.
 - Limit days and hours of operation to Thursday thru Monday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - Continue to pursue side yard pick-up.
- We'd be happy to engage with the Board for further discussion on this plan.

Kicking the can down the road

By Mark McConnell

The photo of the "hot mess" at the Recycling Center shows the real problem with recycling in Sunriver. The current system is broken, and a million-dollar version will not fix it. Until we recognize that a 24/7 public site with no control is the issue, then we will always have a "hot mess."

Why do we continue to kick the can down the road and fail to focus on the value and goals of recycling? What people have always been upset about is the lack of control and improper recycling. They want their efforts to benefit the Earth. The article suggested that there is no plan for moving forward. What about the task force recommendations? If there was plenty of subsidy for a new building, why not ask the county to run the site like the Transfer Station on 97? I suspect the money is not really there, and that our rates would have gone up regardless of the situation, so let's get universal service for all that want it. We will soon find out who really wants to recycle, and for the right reasons!

SROA should get out of recycling business

By Joe Huseonica

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As a member of the task force formulated the lot content that defeated, I remain a strong advocate for side-yard recycling and have SROA get out of the recycling business entirely. Put the burden of recycling where it belongs on the shoulders of our owners. Deschutes County get SROA out of the middle, close down the recycling center entirely; County provide their job!) outside of Deschutes County facility and provide bottom-dollar that we see in the Scene.]

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I just finished reading the front page garbage/recycling piece written by Susan Berger in the January Scene. The owners have thoughtfully and correctly voted not to expand the existing public facility for very good reasons and certainly not because we "waffled" at the suggestion of a few well informed voices (the undersigned included). The editor additionally stated that the opponents of the ballot measure spread half-truths and misinformation to dissuade our fellow owners. That is completely untrue and is a blatant infraction of our civility code, in my opinion.

How dare the editor of this community newsletter utilize the bully pulpit to scold owners for exercising their granted rights and basically calling some of them liars in the process! If the board does not review content prior to printing, shame on them. If they did review the subject article and approved distribution, the problem is far larger and of greater concern.

In Memorium

Ellen Schumacher Rau, 73, passed away Dec. 27, 2021. She is survived by husband Steve, daughter Elsbeth (Patrick) and son John David, sister Louise (John), brother Ethan, sister-in-law Marci (Mike), and nieces Elissa (Noah), Emmie and Phia. Donations may be made to The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 2100, Boston, MA 02114.