

Prairie Dog Working Group (PDWG)
April 30, 2018
Agenda

Location: OSMP Annex (7315 Red Deer Drive)
Enter from the West side of the building

- 5:00 PM** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 5:05 PM** **Public Comment**
- 5:15 PM** **Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy Update**
Rella Abernathy will provide an update on changes to the IPM policy. PDWG members will have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions.
- 5:45 PM** **Review and Finalization of Prairie Dog Management Goals**
The subgroups for each of the goals (ecological, social, and economic) will briefly present the key changes made since the April 9 meeting. The group will discuss and reach a final agreement on the goals.
- 6:45 PM** **Break – Prioritization of Objectives**
During the break, PDWG members will prioritize the objectives for each goal.
- 7:00 PM** **Group Discussion of Priority Objectives**
The group will discuss the results of the prioritization exercise and determine next steps.
- 7:30 PM** **Group Discussion of Changes to Current Plans and Policies**
For each agreed-upon goal, the PDWG will discuss what, if any, changes are needed to existing plans and policies to ensure consistent implementation of the goal.
- 8:45 PM** **Next Steps**
- 9:00 PM** **Adjourn**

PHASE 2 PDWG GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Secure greater ecological sustainability of prairie dog habitat and viable populations so prairie dogs can provide their keystone function.
2. Implement creative and innovative solutions to achieve greater prairie dog conservation.
3. Protect, improve and restore native biological diversity and consider all native ecosystems that may be impacted by prairie dogs.
4. Use a system wide approach to land use allocation that includes multiple measurable goals and objectives that allow different priorities and policies to occur on different land parcels.
5. Increase public awareness and acceptance of the role of prairie dogs in native ecosystems and the complexity of their management.
6. Use humane treatment and minimize lethal control of prairie dogs.
7. Apply science-based decision making, utilizing documented knowledge, field experience and adaptive techniques and gathering information from a multitude of sources.
8. Be transparent, fair and consistent in group deliberations and in any final recommendations.
9. Seek feasible solutions, while acknowledging the social, economic and ecological components of sustainability.
10. Abide by existing federal and state laws and the city charter, but as needed, make practical proposals for changes.
11. Think big and outside the box of existing policies and procedures.