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Subject: Re: Plastic Recycling Equipment
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 10:21:41 AM
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On Feb 10, 2022, at 9:52 AM, Amy Lopez <alopez@riocommunities.net> wrote:

Good morning Marty,

I would like you to know I am having a great amount of difficulty obtaining a vendor for the plastic recycling equipment. There are very few vendors within the US and those that I have found will not accept a purchase order. Another problem is the likelihood the companies will not be able to manufacture the product in time to satisfy grant requirements. There is a shortage of materials used to build the machines. I have not been able to find any that are in our price range that have already been manufactured. I have located other companies, but they are out of budget and overseas, meaning the machines would still not arrive in time and the shipping would be outrageous.

I hate to scrap the recycling idea because I believe it is a worthwhile project, but with the limited time we have to get items ordered, I think we might need to consider implementing that kind of program with future funding.

In lieu of the plastic recycling, I could order a better quality laser cutter, a resin 3d printer, and furniture actually designed for a makerspace that is sturdy, lockable, and long lasting. I believe the furniture and better quality laser cutter would be a smart investment to making the makerspace a success for the City.

Can you please present my findings to Council? I will be looking into the cost of what I am asking for and let you know as soon as I find out so that you can give Council the alternative.

Thank you,

Amy Lopez
City of Rio Communities, Deputy Clerk



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