

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
REPORT**

PRESENTATION #: 1

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TO: Terry Ellis, City Manager

THROUGH: Carl Swenson, Deputy City Manager *SCT for CS*

FROM: Glen Van Nimwegen, Community Development Director *GP*

SUBJECT: Environmental Stewardship Award, presented to Mercedes-Benz of Arrowhead

SUMMARY: We spent a portion of the May 20 study session discussing the new Energy Element of the General Plan, and what many of the Peoria departments are doing to support sustainability principles and green building. One way to promote these ideals is to recognize the efforts that have been voluntarily taken up by our business community.

Under the vision of owner Chuck Theisen, the design and construction of Mercedes-Benz of Arrowhead in Peoria, occurred under the oversight of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The USGBC is responsible for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards; and rating worthy projects.

Mercedes-Benz of Arrowhead is the first luxury auto dealership to attempt to meet the demanding LEED standards. Many innovations were built into the dealership to generate alternative power sources, take advantage of natural lighting, reduce energy demand and utilize recycled and locally produced building materials. After all of the evaluations are complete, it is expected that the USGBC will bestow a Silver LEED designation on the project.

The City of Peoria is pleased to present tonight the first Environmental Stewardship Award to Mr. Theisen. This art glass award is created by Joyce van Loben Sels, with the idea of the varied textures and shapes used in architecture. It also conveys a colorful, organic dimension with the use of copper and green accents. And, to support the sustainability principles, it could be recycled! Hopefully, the design of this award represents both the function and beauty that is possible when using sustainable materials in the building process.