



**“What Do You Think”  
Tulsa Authority for the Recovery of Energy  
(TARE)?  
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*On April 23, [Stephen Carr](#) and [Martha Schultz](#) met with the Tulsa Authority for the Recovery of Energy (TARE). The purpose of TARE is to receive trash, recycle what is available, and dispose of the remainder by burial or incineration.*

*Here’s what they had to say.*

**What does Tulsa most need to achieve?**

1. Improve Downtown
  - a. Retail, restaurants
  - b. Downtown streets are worse than ever, and once “fixed”, they are still worse than before the fix
  - c. Downtown businesses should remain open later; there is no place for residents or visitors to get medication, food, or other items.
  - d. Downtown needs to be more walkable.
2. City needs solid economic growth, thriving businesses, etc., to increase sales tax revenues
3. Develop/promote a thriving business environment
4. Maintain this goal: minimum of 20% of our waste should be recycled
5. Connect tourists staying in hotels with neighborhoods
  - a. Provide mass transit between downtown and shopping/restaurants/activities (examples: Utica Square, Cherry Street, museums, zoo, etc.
  - b. Develop traffic flow-system to take visitors to attractions

6. Aging population is increasing in numbers and needs more/variety of services:
  - a. Transportation
  - b. Social services
7. Develop and implement “Iconic” solutions and ideas, to set us apart from other places – build on that which is unique about Tulsa
8. Develop and promote a “Green Theme”

**What are Tulsa's most valuable or important assets?**

9. (None specifically cited. Ideas contained within other responses)

**What are Tulsa's most critical issues, problems, or concerns?**

10. Pedestrians - Make community more walkable
11. Focus:
  - a. More emphasis on all parts of town
  - b. More emphasis on neighborhoods
12. Public Safety
13. Energy
  - a. Reduce energy consumption
  - b. Become more energy efficient