

City of Amarillo
Environmental Task Force

On the 1st day of February, 2018, the Environmental Task Force met at 6:00 p.m. on the Second Floor, Conference Room 208 at the Simms Building, 808 S. Buchanan Ave., with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Charlie Graham	Y	2	5
Tom Johnson	N	2	1
Mindy Odom	Y	2	9
Cole Camp	Y	2	2
John Kiehl	N	2	9
Howard Smith	Y	1	1
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF			
David Lehfeldt	Y	2	0

The following guests were also present:

Courtney White - Assistant City Attorney
Stacy Krizan – Admin. Assistant Solid Waste
Roger Doyle

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. and the following items of business were conducted:

2. Consider and Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting Held on December 7, 2017.

Minutes for previous meeting on December 7, 2017 were not available; motion to approve is set in Agenda for meeting on March 8, 2018.

3. Discuss Improvements to City Recycling Sites.

Mr. Lehfeldt led a discussion informing the Task Force that a recommendation will be sent to City Council to add resources to Parks and Solid Waste so that they may coordinate to update all current recycling facilities to similar design as the 27th Ave. location. Update should include recycling capabilities for aluminum, tin, paper, cardboard, glass, oil, and oil filters.

4. Discuss Future Recyclables - Long Term Recycling.

The Task Force has a desire to see cardboard & paper be added as future acceptable items for recycling. This agenda item was tabled for discussion at a later meeting.

5. Discuss Cart Recycling.

Only a small part of town will have the carts for trash service. We would need to have a facility to process all recycling items. The Transfer Station has three pits and could be used for this on a schedule with very little effort.

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6. Discuss Website Changes.

The Task Force discussed that there are “a lot of words” on website and a lot of reading which may deter people. The entire website can be translated into 103 different languages, we translate into over 40 languages just in Amarillo. Each department is sorted by category, and the website is updated with events for the entire month. Any website suggestions can be sent to Rich Gagnon.

7. Discuss Tire Ordinance and Compost.

All tire dealers are required to cut or drill holes in the sidewalls to cut down on illegal dumping. Tires can now be taken to the landfill for free. There are no local options for tire disposal. The compost site is up and running.

8. Approved to go to Council.

Cole Camp, Mindy Odom, and Charlie Graham were all “ayes” to present to Council.

9. Set Agenda for Next Meeting.

The following items were suggested for discussion at the next meeting of the Task Force:

- Approve Minutes for December 7, 2017 and February 1, 2017 meetings
- Identify other community recycling efforts and discuss ways to coordinate efforts.
- Website changes/updates
- Invite Recycle Amarillo
- Compost updates
- Brush site updates
- Tire program updates

10. Announcement – Next Meeting Date.

The Task Force will next meet on March 8, 2018 at 6pm in Room 306, City Hall.

11. Adjourn

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.