

City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 2nd day of February 2010, the City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee met at 11:45 a.m. in City Hall Room 306, with the following members present:

Jacob Breeden	Chris Bunnett	Anette Carlisle	Rosemartha Cates	Mary Emeny
Linda Lloyd	Cathy McClendon	Michael Rice	Julie White	

Absent were:

Jenny Clark	Rachel Kelly	Warren McCarty	Kevin Guttenplan
Brian Eades	Mina Johnson	Kim Vincent	

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 am., and the following items of business were conducted:

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion was made by Anette Carlisle to accept the minutes, seconded by Rosemartha Cates, motion passed.

Discussion with Adam Stone:

Adam handed out:

- A summary stats report
 - Showed stats of the website since it launched
- Memo that explained how to contact the City of Amarillo with any changes that need to be made to the web site.
 - Explained that a ticket would be made by the City of Amarillo Help Desk to make the changes.
 - Addition or removal of information
 - Add / Change Pictures
 - Calendar of Events
 - Earth fest
 - Phone book recycling
 - Frisbee golf tournament

It was discussed that any changes that need to be made with the website would be addressed at an EAC meeting before contacting the City of Amarillo Help desk. If there were something urgent that needs to be addressed, the committee would be contacted by email in order to provide immediate action.

Discussion with Scott McDonald:

International Green Code Committee (IGCC) has new code in development to:

- Creating environment for communities that have ordinances that relate to green construction and provide standards. National standards for green construction.
- 2009 family of codes have become more stringent as far as energy efficiency and equating it to the environment.

The ASRAE (American Society of Heating and Air-conditioning Engineers) has a very stringent standard that really hasn't been followed in Amarillo. As the City adopts the 2006 codes, the City will more stringently enforce the newer ASRAE standards. The ASRAE standards modify facilities such as:

- Example of what you see
 - When you walk into a room with the lights off and the lights automatically turn on. (consuming less energy)
- Example of what you don't see
 - Requirements of ballasts, light & energy consumption the building is taking.

The 2006 codes adopted by the City of Amarillo included:

- Gray water recycling
- Lower flow fixtures
- 1.6 gal flush toilets

The national codes update every 3 years. The 2009 codes were available January 2010. City of Amarillo has not adopted them yet. The City of Amarillo adopted the 2006 codes in 2007.

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The City of Amarillo (Building Safety) is looking to embrace the new green energy codes to be pro-active in that area. There are two pieces

- Energy Efficiently
- Green Building

Inspectors are aware of energy efficiently & sustainability, but the green issues are still being learned.

Construction wood recycling, papercrete building, and newspaper recycling (end product) were discussed.

Education Component:

- Wildcat Bluff has seminars every second Saturday on various topics
- Presentation at Earth Fest
- News Director at Jacob's radio station would like to take their sustainability program and center it around the building codes.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Discuss alternate picture options for the website
- Discussion of Events
- Discussion of Calendar for website

The next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2010 at 11:45 a.m., City Hall Room 306.

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.