

City of Amarillo
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 16th day of March 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	Brian Eades
Mina Johnson	Linda Lloyd	Kim Vincent	Michael Rice	Julie White

Absent were:

Jenny Clark	Rachel Kelly	Warren McCarty	Kevin Guttenplan	Cathy McClendon
Mary Emeny				

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m., and the following items of business were conducted:

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

Alternate Pictures for the Website:

Kim spoke with Gary at the Convention and Visitors Council (CVC) with the Chamber of Commerce and they have a picture bank that the committee could go through and pick out some pictures to use on the website. If pictures are used from the CVC, they would need to say courtesy of the CVC. It was discussed that a collage of several pictures would be best. Pictures of people should be avoided. If the committee members would e-mail pictures to Jacob, he would put together a collage.

Website Discussion:

Travis Middle School is ready to record the PSA for the website. Kim would e-mail contact information to Jacob so he could contact them and schedule the recordings.

Since 01/05/10, there have been 2124 hits on the website. Recycled Items page has had 279 hits (most popular) with the Recycled Locations paged at 115 hits.

Discussion was held on the contact page. It is not clear if the contact page is working correct. Michael will contact Donna Makkhavane to see if she has had any messages.

Calendar for the website:

Jacob discussed the benefits of a community calendar. The things that go on the calendar would need to be a "not for profit" activity. If admission is charged, it cannot go on the website. It was decided that the calendar would be postponed until a later date in order to find a viable solution for all parties involved.

Discussion of Events:

Kim expressed that she believes that the EAC isn't in a position to do any type of event for the following reasons:

1. Lack of committee member involvement
2. Website was hard to pull together
3. No money (An organization that puts on an event needs to have money)

Chris Bunnett suggested that his company would hold a disk golf tournament May 22, 2010. The participants would pay an entry fee and would help to clean up the river around Thompson Park and the park. The EAC could help promote the tournament. Instead of holding an event, the EAC can help with various events held by others.

Earth Fest was given as an example of another event that the EAC could help with.

Discussion was held about water usage in landscaping and the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Anette Carlisle motioned that a strategic plan be devised for the Environmental Advisory Committee for the next year. Jacob Breeden seconded the motion, motion passed.

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New Business:

Discussion was held about the Environmental Advisory Committee's renewal for the next year. It was suggested that the committee write a statement to the Commission about:

- How big the committee should be
- How the terms should be staggered
- Provide suggestions

The Commission likes to have input and choices. Brian Eades spoke to the committee about pushing and being aggressive for what they want. Kim was given an attendance record of the committee members showing how many meeting each person has attended.

Comments from the Public:

Megan Eikner with Amarillo College has been approached to offer Continuing Education classes for Building Performance Institute (BPI) certification and Home Star Certification. These are certifications for "Green" building. Grant money is available and she would like the EAC to provide her guidance, inform her if this something feasible to offer at Amarillo College and help marketing the classes. She would like to be kept informed of "Green" issues and what she can be doing to help. Michael suggested that if she would like to know how the builders plug into the actual process of getting building constructed in Amarillo she should speak to Scott McDonald at Building Safety. She also has a landscape certification program that she would like the EAC to refer people to.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Discuss removing and adding committee members
- Develop a Long Term Strategic Plan

The next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 pm, City Hall Room 306.

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.