

City of Amarillo
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 1st day of June 2010, the City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee met at 11:45 a.m. in City Hall Room 306, with the following members present:

Chris Bunnett	Anette Carlisle	Brian Eades	Mary Emeny	Kevin Guttenplan
Mina Johnson	Linda Lloyd	Kim Vincent	Michael Rice	Michelle Selby (visitor)
Rhonda Ferguson (visitor)				

Absent were:

Jacob Breeden	Rosemartha Cates	Jenny Clark	Rachel Kelly	Warren McCarty
Cathy McClendon				

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m., and the following items of business were conducted:

Minutes from the last meeting were read and amended as follows:

1. Spelling correction from Steam to Stream under Waste Stream Goals.
2. Spelling correction of the word xeriscaping under Water focus area.
3. Adding the Goal of Water Focus Area to read – “Encourage Wise Water Management Practices”
4. Adding the Goal of the Waste Stream to read – “To Promote the Reduction, Reuse and Recycling of Materials”
5. Removing number two under Waste Stream Goals objectives (Source Reduction (Reduce))

Motion was made by Annette Carlisle to accept the minutes with the amendments, seconded by Linda Lloyd, motion passed.

Review Pictures for the website:

Kim Vincent was unable to provide the committee with pictures at the time of the meeting. Mary Emeny suggested wildflowers. Mary Emeny made a motion that Kim Vincent e-mail the committee a selection of pictures to be used for the homepage for their review and choice, Anette Carlisle seconded, motion passed.

Education:

Discussion was held on different ways to educate Elementary, Middle School and High School students. Ideas are as follows:

1. Window on a Wider World
2. Channel One
3. Public Service Announcements
4. Coloring Books
5. Chris Bunnett has employees that could talk to children about recycling.
6. Science Fair Project incentives that target environmental initiatives
 - a. Coordinate with Cayla Cieliencki (AISD Science Coordinator)

Review of the Strategic Plan:

Anette Carlisle spoke to the committee about “Green” initiatives in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mary Emeny motioned to table breaking into groups to continue developing Long Term Strategic Plans under each goal until the committee knows it will be continuing. Anette Carlisle seconded, motion passed with one against.

Mina Johnson discussed the water focus area not be tied into long term / short term timeline.

Michael Rice discussed playa lakes and flood elevations.

Anette Carlisle motioned to remove tabling item #4 of the agenda (Continue developing a Long Term Strategic Plan) Mary Emeny second, motion passed.

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Mary Emeny motioned that Mina Johnson and Mary Emeny would create a letter about playa lakes. Kim Vincent seconded, motion passed. The letter will be sent to Michael Rice and he would print it on letterhead and give it to the Commission. Michael also suggested sending a copy of the letter to the Steering Committee, Planning, and Parks and Rec. Dept. (Larry Offerdahl.)

Michael discussed the information that was given to the Commission about the EAC. He spoke about the renewal process.

PSA Discussion:

Kim Vincent will follow up with Jacob and Travis Middle School about the PSA's. The PSA text was e-mailed to Michael and it was in the packet given to the Commission for review.

Other Business:

Kyle Shelton with R2R Recycling attended the meeting. His business is located at 13511 Indian Hill Rd. (1 Mile West of Hope Rd). They recycle composition asphalt shingles; ground them through a hammer mill and sell the finish product to asphalt companies to be put into the production of asphalt. Along with shingles, they recycle metal, paper, wood, and plastic that is associated with shingles.

Beverly Gattis discussed adding education about playa lakes to the water education. She suggested Dave Hocus with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife would be a good person to contact for information.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Training with the City of Amarillo Attorney about the Open Meeting Act.
- Elect Officers
- Formalize pictures for the website
- Discuss the launch of the PSA's for the website.
- Continue developing a Long Term Strategic Plan

The next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2010 at 11:45 a.m., City Hall Room 306.

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.