

City of Amarillo
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 15th 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	Rosemartha Cates	Mary Emeny	Beverly Gattis
Linda Lloyd	Kim Vincent	Michael Rice	Julie White	

Absent were:

Brian Eades	David Green
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The meeting was called to order at 11:52 a.m. and the following items of business were conducted:

The new Resolution (No 6-8-10-2) was given to each committee member and the minutes from the last meeting were read and amended as follows:

1. Under Review of Strategic Plan change the word initiates to initiatives

Motion was made by Mary Emeny to accept the minutes with amendment, seconded by Kim Vincent, motion passed.

Open Meetings Act Training:

Marcus Norris, City Attorney, provide a hand out with the 6 Key Concepts of Texas Open Meetings Law. He discussed the hand out and spoke about the Statutorily Required Training for Texas Open Meetings Act. He stated that once a person completed the training, he or she would not be required to attend it an additional time. Only people who have not attended the training would be required to attend.

Election of Officers

Annette Carlisle suggested that Kim Vincent remain as Chair. Mary Emeny motioned to have Kim remain Chair, all in favor, motion passed. Rosemartha Cates volunteered to serve as the Vice Chair, Annette Carlisle seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Review Pictures for the website:

Kim Vincent was unable to provide the committee with pictures at the time of the meeting.

Website Discussion:

The following items need to be corrected on the City of Amarillo Website:

1. Change the wording from Recycling Committee on the COA website
2. Make the EAC website easier to find
3. Update Committee Member Names (Kim would create ticket)
4. Put 2010 minutes on website
5. Update the Strategic Plan Vision and Mission statements (Kim would create ticket)

Kim requested the information on the number hits the EAC website has received for the next meeting.

PSA Discussion:

Michael Rice will speak to Danna Makhavane about the Public Service Announcements.

Long Term Strategic Plan:

Discussion was held about the three main goals, Waste Stream, Water, and Land. It was discussed to concentrate on one goal at a time and then expand from there.

The letter that was presented to the Commission about playa lakes was discussed. The committee would like to have the opportunity review the letter. Michael will e-mail the letter to Annette Carlisle in order for her to present it to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mary Emeny asked Annette Carlisle to provide information on the language in the Comprehensive Plan that relates to land use.

Land - The language is in the Comprehensive Plan, the committee needs to follow the plan's outcome.

Waste Stream- It was discussed that the AEDC be involved.

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Education:

Several new ideas were discussed about education. Chris proposed that the committee come up with a marketing tool. It was discussed about getting donations from businesses. Annette suggested having the Chamber of Commerce, Quality of Life people, as a possible sponsor.

Linda Lloyd will provide a website to the committee that is from a Chicago program that matches the waste and resources. Linda will send it to Michael to send out to the committee.

Comments from Public:

Lauren Caudle from Bluebonnet Environmental Consulting, LLC spoke to the committee about a website called, EPA TRI Waste Tracker, it shows the waste stream of major businesses. It shows mainly hazardous waste but it also shows other information. The cost of house hold hazardous clean up was discussed. Michael informed the committee this type of clean up would be very expensive and residents would pay for it via rate hike or tax increase.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- 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 July 06, 2010 at 11:45 a.m., City Hall Room 306.

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.