

City of Amarillo  
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011, the City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee met at 12 Noon in City Hall Room 306, with the following members present:

Rosemartha Cates     Mary Emeny     Tyler Morgan     John Sawyers  
Michael Rice         Julie White

Absent were:

David Green             Beverly Gattis             Kim Vincent

The meeting was called to order at 11:58 a.m. and the following items of business were conducted:

Reading of last meeting minutes, motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by John Sawyers, seconded by Tyler Morgan, motion passed.

**Approval of Public Service Announcements:**

Mary Emeny made a motion to accept the revised recorded public service announcements, John Sawyers seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Approved recorded 15 second PSA

Go Green, Amarillo at [recycle.amarillo.gov](http://recycle.amarillo.gov). Have you wondered where to recycle old Home items, Electronics or Batteries? The City encourages you to join in recycling with the people and businesses that are helping us all to "Go Green." To find out what can be recycled and where visit [recycle.amarillo.gov](http://recycle.amarillo.gov).

Approved recorded 30 second PSA

Go Green, Amarillo at [recycle.amarillo.gov](http://recycle.amarillo.gov). Did you know that Americans throw away so much aluminum every month that we could rebuild our entire commercial air fleet? And 25 billion plastic bottles are used every year? Plastic bottles are a resource, not trash, when they become fiberfill for a warm jacket. Let's get Amarillo going green and acting smart. To find out what can be recycled, and where to do it go to [recycle.amarillo.gov](http://recycle.amarillo.gov).

**Memo regarding EAC renewal:**

Michael spoke to the committee about the memo he is writing to the City manager about the EAC accomplishments, member attendance, and what the committee would like to accomplish in the future. Discussion was held about continued efforts of the EAC in the future. Mary Emeny suggested several ideas and would e-mail them to Michael Rice. Michael Rice would like for the committee to be looked at as a resource for the City not just a committee.

Discussion was held about the process of getting the EAC reappointed and how long it would take. The number of people on the committee was also discussed. With the resignation of David Green, the number on the committee would be six. It was suggested adding another member to the committee to make seven.

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### **Educational Projects:**

Discussion was held about picking educational projects that the EAC can accomplish the next appointed year. The projects need to be simple and done well.

The following projects were discussed:

- Earthfest
- Winter Educational Forum for sustainable living.(Contact League of Women's Voter's for help)
  - Host Green Builder's conference
- Getting a Green Team reestablished at a school
- Summer programs at parks
  - Children's Programs
  - Educate public of nearest recycle center around parks
  - Recycle containers at parks
- Partner with a group in San Jancinto to build a green neighborhood

### **Old Business / New Business:**

It was discussed not printing the Minutes, Agenda & Action List for each meeting. They are e-mailed to each committee member prior to the meeting. During the meeting, they can be shown electronically from a projector.

### **Agenda for Next Meeting:**

Agenda will be established once the Environmental Advisory Committee is reappointed.

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.