

## City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011, the City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee met at 12 Noon in City Hall Room 306, with the following members present:

Rosemartha Cates	Keith Grays	Angie Hanna	Terence Ng	Barbara Whitton
Michael Rice	Julie White			

Absent were:

John Sawyers	Amber Spencer	Kim Vincent
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The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. and the following items of business were conducted:

Reading of last meeting minutes, motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Rosemartha Cates, seconded by Keith Grays, motion passed.

### **Introduction of New Members:**

Each member introduced themselves and gave reasons why they are a member of the EAC.

Michael informed the committee that with eight people on the committee there must be five people attending each meeting in order to make a quorum.

### **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 discussed the Environmental Advisory Committee's (EAC) agenda and suggested changes that would comply with the Open Meetings Act. Marcus also discussed correspondence via e-mail.

### **Election of Officers**

Keith Grays motioned that Barbara Whitton be Chair of the committee, Rosemartha seconded, motion passed. Keith Grays motioned that Rosemartha Cates be Vice Chair of the committee, Terence Ng seconded, motion passed.

### **Review Resolution No 8-16-11-1:**

Michael went over the resolution re-authorizing the Environmental Advisory Committee and discussed the overall task and goals of the committee. He displayed the EAC website and showed the committee what could be found on it.

### **Future Projects:**

Discussion was held about feasible and publicly supportable community outreach and education efforts. Several Ideas are as follows:

- Curb cut gardens
- Education of the public about recycling
  - PSA
  - Billboards
  - Bumper stickers
- Education in Schools
  - Green team
- Water Catchments
- Water Conservation
- Recycling Bins at Events (Polk Street block party, Harley Party, Etc.)
- Xeriscape project

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Discussion was held about having a project demonstration Xeriscape garden on City property and it be maintained by the City. The garden should be in an area that is highly visible to the public. It was discussed that the City budget and pay for this type of project. It was suggested there be a deadline to complete projects.

**Review Future Dates & Time of Meetings:**

The EAC agreed to meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. (1.5 hours).

**Agenda for Next Meeting:**

Discuss financially feasible and publicly supportable community outreach and education efforts.

**Comments from Public:**

Trina Fournier suggested to the committee different locations for demonstration Xeriscape gardens. She suggested a garden at Memorial Park where the roses currently are. She also suggested contacting Public Improvement Districts (PID) in several developments. (Michael would provide a list of the PID).

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.