

City of Amarillo

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 7th day of February 2012, the City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee met at 12 Noon in City Hall Room 306, with the following members present:

Angie Hanna	Amber Spencer	Barbara Whitton	John Sawyers
Rosemartha Cates	Terence Ng	Michael Rice	Julie White

Absent was:
Kim Vincent

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 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 Amber Spencer, motion passed.

Discussion of financially feasible and publicly supportable community outreach and education efforts:

Discussions were held about the following:

- Water Conservation symposium scheduled for February 8, 2012 addressing water use in the panhandle area.
- Review of topics from past meetings
 - Public Education
 - Winterizing
 - Water Conservation
 - Xeriscape Demo Garden
 - Providing pictures on a commercial of Xeriscape so people could see what looks like and use it as an example to promote "Every Drop Counts"
- Drought conditions and water usage
- TXDOT landscaping requirements
- Water conservation information for the Discovery Center to promote education for children
- Rainwater Catchments
- Landscaping requirements in PID and Homeowner's Associations
- Use of water in hospitals for hand washing and the use of antiseptic solution lotions
- Having meetings quarterly at different locations so information is accessible to everyone.
- Hydroponic greenhouses

Priorities of the Committee

Discussion was held about contacting Public Improvement Districts, Homeowner Associations, Local Businesses, and New Construction areas to talk to them about using landscaping that will conserve water. Each committee member was asked to bring three ideas or resources of how to promote water conservation to the next meeting. The ideas and resources could be used as points when speaking to people with the Public Improvement Districts, Homeowner Associations, Local Businesses, and New Construction areas. Michael would provide contact name and numbers for the Public Improvement Districts.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Tour the Hydroponic greenhouses at Carver School. (1905 NW 12th)

Divide the list of Public Improvement Districts to be contacted among committee members.

Review Points to cover with people that are contacted.

Michael spoke to the committee about the proposed Drainage Utility. He explained what it was and why it is needed.

Comments from Public:

None

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.