

## City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012, the City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee met at 12 Noon in City Hall Room 306, with the following members present:

Amber Spencer            Barbara Whitton            Rosemartha Cates            John Sawyers  
Michael Rice            Julie White

Absent were:

Terence Ng      Ken Pirtle

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 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.

### **“Plant for the Panhandle” handout**

The City of Amarillo’s water wise plants handout was passed out. Amber discussed the differences of the City’s handout and the EAC’s handout. Clint Stoddard (City of Amarillo Park Maintenance Superintendent) determined that the City’s handout focuses more on just waster wise landscaping and that the EAC’s handout focuses more on Xeriscaping. The differences between Xeriscaping plants and water wise plants were discussed.

Providing information on the listed Xeriscape plants would be the next step to put the EAC’s handout on the website. Michael would speak to the City of Amarillo’s webmaster about what steps need to be taken in order to put the EAC’s handout on the website.

### **Xeriscape demonstration project**

Amber spoke with Clint Stoddard about locations for Xeriscape projects. Clint said he could fund and provide the man power to put the garden in. He suggested the following locations for the garden:

- The Fire Station at 34<sup>th</sup> & Soncy
- Rest Stops
- By the playground close to the Botanical Gardens.

Clint told Amber that he would like to do one or two Xeriscape gardens a year. He informed Amber that plants, trees, and irrigation lines have been stolen and the location of a Xeriscape garden needed to be at a secure location. The committee would like Clint from the Parks Dept to speak at the next EAC meeting about Xeriscape locations and the project at the Fire Station at 34<sup>th</sup> & Soncy.

### **Xeriscape pictures**

Rosemartha brought pictures she took of Xeriscape projects around town. They were discussed along with several other locations around town. It was suggested that the EAC’s pictures replace the current Xeriscape pictures on the City’s website.

### **Progress made talking to people about water issues**

None to report

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

Speak to Clint about Xeriscape demonstration project  
Speak to the City of Amarillo’s web master about putting the EAC’s handout on the website  
Report on Xeriscape locations and review any pictures taken throughout the City

### **Comments from Public:**

None

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.