

City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 17th day of November 2009, the City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee met at 11:45 a.m. in City Hall Room 306, with the following members present:

Jacob Breeden	Rosemartha Cates	Mina Johnson	Linda Lloyd
Cathy McClendon	Michael Rice	Kim Vincent	Julie White

Absent were:

Rhoda Breeden	Chris Bunnett	Anette Carlisle	Jenny Clark	Brian Eades
Mary Emeny	Kevin Guttenplan	Rachel Kelly	Warren McCarty	Gina Podolsky

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m., and the following items of business were conducted:

Quorum was not established.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Mina Johnson brought it to the attention of the committee that the wording used in the last minutes was incorrect. Discussion was about moving to the next step not just in recycling but other sustainable and publicly accepted “green” initiatives. It also should have stated that for the next meeting that a list of achievable activities to increase awareness of recycling along with other sustainable and publicly accepted “green” initiatives. The minutes were not voted on.

Website Content - discussion

Jacob Breeden has been working with Adam at the City of Amarillo to finalize the website. Anyone with mission statements for the Home Page, Education page, Kids page, Sustainable living page or the Recycling page has been asked to e-mail them to Jacob. Kim Vincent is putting together an FAQ section for the website and she will e-mail the information to Jacob. Once the website is up and running, it is important to keep all information updated as it changes.

Discussion was held as follows:

Contamination of recycling material is a problem everywhere. Education of people who are attempting to recycle is needed to control the contamination of recyclable products. Enforcement rules are another way to train people to recycle.

- Earth911 is a website that people can go to in order to find recycling locations in their area.

Mina Johnson discussed Ogallala Aquifer issues and ideas for water conservation along with other “green strategies.”

It was discussed that the committee needs something visible out there that can be easily accomplished that provides a benefit for the City and something to put their resume on and then they can move forward.

Agenda for Next Meeting – The committee will review and approve the minutes from the November 3rd & November 17th meetings and review mission statements for the website along with the list of achievable activities to increase awareness of recycling along with other sustainable and publicly accepted “green” initiatives. Finalize website & set date for launch of the website.

The next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2009 at 11:45 a.m., City Hall Room 306.

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.