

City of Amarillo  
Environmental Task Force

On the 19th day of April 2017, the Environmental Task Force met at 6:00 p.m. in the IT conference room, basement of City Hall, 509 Southeast 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Charlie Graham	N	5	2
Taylor Finley	Y	5	4
Tom Johnson	Y	5	5
Chris Gulley	Y	5	3
Mindy Odom	N	5	3
Sy Campbell – Resigned 2/8/17	N	-	0
Cole Camp	Y	5	5
John Kiehl	Y	5	3
<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF</b>			
Paul Harpole	N	5	4
David Lehfeldt	Y	5	5

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. and the following items of business were conducted:

**Consider Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by John Kiehl, seconded by Tom Johnson, motion passed.

**Discussion about the Public Education Component**

Rich Gagnon, City of Amarillo Information Technology Director, reviewed the current City of Amarillo recycling web page and discussions followed:

- Adding Information about the Environmental Task Force to the page
- Adding links under Education – Rich would contact the City legal department to determine if outside links can be added.
  - Rainwater catchment program (City Program)
  - Information on Xeriscape
  - Water Conservation (City Program)
  - Composting
  - Household hazardous waste (City Program)
  - Recycling education
  - Tires
- Moving the sustainability tab under education
- Change the wording from recycling to “Amarillo Recycles”
- Include a tab about recycling programs at the schools
  - AISD
  - Amarillo College
- Create a Highlight Tab

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- Changing the “ Contact Us” information
- Insert pictures of the recycling locations on the map (Google Earth pictures)
- Adding outside recycling sources to the map of locations
- Adding a section for input from the public
- Obtaining statistics about the use of the recycling website
- How and by whom the site gets maintained.

Additional discussions were held about:

- Brush site operations
- Landfill Permit Modification status for addition of composting facility

**Discuss Budget and Timeline for Release of Recycling Information**

Discussions were held as follows:

- Using social media advertising to reach the targeted age demographic
  - Chris Gulley would research the cost associated with social media advertising
- Recycling survey on the website
- Stickers about recycling on residential dumpsters and cost associated
- Sponsors to help with the cost
- Installation of a glass crusher at the Transfer Station
  - Cost
  - Permit requirements
  - Donation of a glass crusher
  - End product
  - Use of end product

**Review of Draft of Tire Ordinance**

The committee reviewed the revised tire ordinance. Discussions followed about:

- Problems with illegal dumping of tires
  - In dumpster
  - On the side of the road
  - On other resident’s property
- Rate schedule
- Requiring all distributors to charge a disposal fee
- Requirement of posting disposal fee schedule at all distributors

Tom Johnson made a motion to present the revised ordinance to the city council. Discussion followed about the proper steps to officially revise the ordinance. (Have City attorney review). Dave Lehfeldt would research the appropriate steps and proceed with the ordinance revision. Tom Johnson recanted his motion.

**Review List of Recycling material Identified by the Committee** - No new information

**Public Comments** - No comments

**Next Meeting Date** – Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 6:00PM

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**Agenda for Next Meeting:**

- Update on permit modification for composting at the landfill
- Cost of Advertising
  - Social Media advertising
  - Stickers on residential dumpsters
- Tire Ordinance revision status update and action
- Expense and permit requirements of a glass crusher
- Set next meeting date

**Miscellaneous Discussions**

- Donations of equipment to the City of Amarillo
- Construction material vs. Household garbage at the landfill

**Adjourn**

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.