

City of Amarillo
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 18th day of May 2010, 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	Chris Bunnett	Anette Carlisle	Rosemartha Cates	Jenny Clark
Mary Emeny	Kevin Guttenplan	Mina Johnson	Linda Lloyd	Cathy McClendon
Kim Vincent	Michael Rice	Julie White		

Absent were:

Rachel Kelly	Warren McCarty	Brian Eades
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The meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m., and the following items of business were conducted:

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion was made by Jenny Clark to accept the minutes, seconded by Mary Emeny, motion passed.

Discussion of PSA Progress:

PSA's are scheduled to be recorded May 29, 2010 for the website. The action was made by Jacob Breeden to e-mail Michael Rice the modified copy of what was written for the PSA prior to recording them so the Commission will be able to review them.

Continuation of Developing a Long Term Strategic Plan:

Annette reviewed the Strategic Plan Goals that were developed at the April 6, 2010 meeting. Jacob provided the committee with information that he researched and his thoughts of vision, mission, and values for continuing culture change that is focused around the waste stream. The committee broke into groups and discussed the Tactical Plan Timelines for Waste Stream, Land, and Water.

Tactical Plan Timeline

Water focus area

1. Educate public & business contractors on techniques / technologies and the economic benefits of low use watering systems. (Long Term)
2. City demonstrated xeroscaping projects (Long Term)
3. Tour of xeroscaping projects (business & home) two times a year with City giving awards. (Long Term)
4. Determine current grey water use code of the City of Amarillo (Short Term)
5. Rain water catchment systems be instituted by the City as an example for the public. (Long Term)
6. Determine City code on non-permeable surfaces in new developments. (Short Term)
7. Educate public and City on the value of playa lakes to the aquifer and for the City to maintain playas that have wild life habitats, public use, and aquifer recharge. (Long Term)

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Waste Stream Goals

1. Waste Stream Audit
 - a. Identify data source and method
 - b. Identify material categories and quantities in the waste stream and rank the material according to their impact on local waste stream.
 - c. Identify Commercial and Industrial facilities that should be targeted for waste reduction or waste reuse.
 - d. Create educational materials
2. Source Reduction (Reduce)
3. Waste Stream Recycling
4. Waste Stream Diversion
5. Waste Prevention (Reduce)
6. Waste Stream Reuse
7. Work with A.E.D.C. to promote new businesses that will use the waste stream of other businesses.

Land – Goal: To promote sustainable land use through development regulations, building codes & education.

Objectives:

1. Ensure sustainable language is inserted in the Comprehensive Master Plan.
2. Support approval of the Comprehensive Master Plan.
3. Work with City to develop ordinances and strategies to support the Comprehensive Master Plan.
4. Educate developers, builders, architects, realtors, homeowners, and the public.

Vision:

A sustainable Amarillo, where our unique natural environment is preserved for future generations.
Kim Vincent motioned to accept the Vision statement, Rosemartha Cates seconded, motion passed.

The committee revised the Mission statements as follows:

Mission:

To encourage individual, commercial, institutional, and local governmental actions which promote a sustainable community.
Mary Emeny motioned to accept the new Mission statement, Jacob Breeden seconded, motion passed.

Other Business:

David Green and Beverly Gattis were introduced to the committee as being possible members.

The committee worked on a recommendation for the renewal of the Environmental Advisory Committee for the City Commissioners to review. Linda Lloyd made a motion to have Kim Vincent and Anette Carlisle write the recommendation, Mary Emeny 2nd, motion passed. The motion was then amended by Linda Lloyd to have the recommendation, written by Kim and Anette, e-mailed to each committee member in order for them to approve it via e-mail. Mary Emeny 2nd, motion passed with one against.

It was discussed that a High School student participates with the EAC without being on the committee. Kim is working with Michaela at Travis Middle school to obtain names of students that would be interested.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Review Pictures for the website
- Continuation of the Strategic Plan development

The next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2010 at 11:45 a.m., City Hall Room 306.

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.