

City of Amarillo
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 3rd day of January 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	
Rosemartha Cates	Terence Ng	Michael Rice	Rhonda Ferguson

Absent were:

Kim Vincent	John Sawyers
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The meeting was called to order at 12:05 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 Barbara Whitten seconded by Terrance NG, motion passed.

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

Discussion was held about the presentations given by the Parks Department and Utilities Department. Committee members shared what they learned from the presentations.

Discussions were held about the following:

- Agriculture using water that depletes the aquifer
- Creating a culture of gardening
- Community gardens
- Rainwater catchment
- Discovery Center, Botanical Gardens and schools to participation with education
- Website discussion
 - Ways to promote the recycle .amarillo.gov website
 - Expand the website to include "Green" landscaping
 - Include more information about water friendly gardening for residents
- Attending the Utilities Meeting with Assistant City Manager, Dean Frigo, Emmett Autrey, Director of Utilities, Tim Loan, Assistant Director of Utilities and Floyd Hartman, Assistant Director of Utilities to discuss City Water Resources. The meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2012 in Room 306 at 2:00 pm- 3:30 pm
- Attending the event held by the Ground Water Conservation scheduled for February 8, 2012 addressing water use in the panhandle area.
- Attend the Top 10 water users meeting in March 2012.
- PID involvement with landscaping and water conservation.
 - PID locations:
 - Brennan Blvd
 - Greenways
 - Colonies
 - Tutbury
 - Point West Business Park
 - Quail Creek
 - Vineyards
 - Red Stone
- Solid Waste Services

Michael spoke to the committee about making goals and having a vote on top priorities at the next meeting.

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Agenda for Next Meeting:

Vote on two priorities for the committee to focus on.

Discuss financially feasible and publicly supportable community outreach and education efforts.

Comments from Public:

Trina Fournier attended the meeting and addressed the committee about educating the public and builders on available resources. Ms. Fournier suggested a meeting with the Builders Association.

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.