

City of Amarillo
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On the 1st day of November 2011, the City of Amarillo Environmental Advisory Committee met at 12 Noon in City Hall Room 306, with the following members present:

John Sawyers Keith Grays Angie Hanna Amber Spencer Barbara Whitton
Rosemartha Cates Michael Rice Julie White

Absent were:

Terence Ng Kim Vincent

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 John Sawyers, motion passed.

Keith Grays resigned from the environmental advisory committee. With his resignation, the total number of committee members required to make a quorum is four.

Discuss the statistics for recycle.amarillo.gov website:

Each committee member was given a hand out of the statistics for recycle.amarillo.gov. Michael went over the handout and explained how to interpret the data. He pointed out what pages are viewed the most, what days of the week the website is viewed the most, and what time of the day is most popular for website viewing.

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

Discussion was held about the water presentation given at the last meeting. Committee members shared what they learned from the presentation.

Discussions were held about the following:

- Agriculture using water that depletes the aquifer
- Creating a culture of gardening
- Community gardens
- 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 water conservation event scheduled in the spring held by the Utilities dept.
- What changes the City of Amarillo has made in order to save electricity

It was discussed that a representative from the Parks Department attends the next meeting to discuss:

- Xeriscape garden
- Water conservation
- What condition the Parks are now
- Education

Michael reviewed the resolution with the committee and spoke to the committee about making goals. He discussed that the committee's focus has been on water, water conservation, xeriscaping, and community gardens.

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Agenda for Next Meeting:

Presentation from the Parks Department

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

Comments from Public:

None

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.