

City of Amarillo
Environmental Task Force

On February 13, 2020, the Environmental Task Force met at 12:00 P.M. in Conference Room 275 at the Simms Building, 808 S. Buchanan Ave., with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tim Dillon	Y	1	1
Roger Gloe	Y	6	5
Michael Graham	N	6	4
David Moody	Y	1	1
Adam Schaer	Y	1	1
Howard Smith	Y	14	12
Ryan Zimmer	Y	6	5
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF			
Donny Hooper	Y		
Blair Snow	N		

The following guests were also present:

Julie Herman, Coordinator of Public Works
Benny Rocha, Amigos Composting
Courtney White - City Attorney I

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 P.M. by Donny Hooper, Assistant Director of Public Works. The following items of business were conducted:

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Benny Rocha, Amigos Composting discussed kitchen scrap composting. Donny Hooper said this could be discussed further in agenda item 5.

3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

Motion to approve the September 19, 2019 minutes as written was made by Howard Smith, seconded by Adam Schaer and passed with a 6-0 vote.

4. CONSIDER ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- Adam Schaer nominated Ryan Zimmer for the position of Chair. Roger Gloe seconded the nomination and it passed with a 5-0 vote.
- Adam Schaer nominated Michael Graham for the position of Vice Chair. Howard Smith seconded the nomination and it passed with a 5-0 vote.
- Copies of the City of Amarillo Governance and Ends Policies, memorandum and acceptance signature page were provided. Members must complete the form and submit it to Julie Herman.
- A copy of the Statutorily Required Training Act for Texas Open Meetings Act will be provided with the next meeting notice. Members are required to complete the online training within 90 days of joining a board or task force and provide the completion certificate to Frances Hibbs, City Secretary (Julie Herman will forward). Courtney White will discuss the Open Meetings Act at the next meeting.
- Courtney White discussed the purpose of the Environmental Task Force as an advisory committee that provides recommendations to City staff that are forwarded to the City Manager and Council for approval.

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5. BRAINSTORM PROGRAM IDEAS

The board discussed the following ideas:

- Composting.
- PRPC funding.
- Tire shredding.
- Bulky Item pickup.
- Water consumption.
- Community gardens at schools.
- Brush Site and Landfill fee structure.
- Medical Waste in dumpsters (Home Healthcare).
- Chipper at Landfill and availability of Solid Waste chipper truck(s).
- Grassroots efforts (recycling days, alley cleanup, education, partnering, etc.).
- Culture changes, enforcement mechanisms. Diverting items from the landfill results in cost savings.

6. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- Open Meeting Refresher training (Courtney White).
- Reports on Tire Shredding, Composting, Bulky Item Pickup and Curbside Collection Programs (Blair Snow).
- Continue Brainstorming Program Ideas.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT MEETING DATE AND SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Next meeting will be held on March 26, 2020 from 12:00 – 1:00 PM at Simms Building, Room 275.
Lunch will be served.

8. ADJOURN

- With no other business to be conducted, the task force meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM.