

City of Amarillo
Environmental Task Force

On July 30, 2020, the Environmental Task Force met remotely via Zoom at 12:00 P.M., with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tim Dillon	Y	2	2
Roger Gloe	Y	7	6
Michael Graham	N	7	4
David Moody	Y	2	2
Adam Schaer	Y	2	2
Howard Smith	N	15	12
Ryan Zimmer	Y	7	6
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF			
Blair Snow	Y		

The following guests were also present:

Julie Allegretti, Utilities Program Manager
Jonathan Gresham, Director of Utilities
Julie Herman, Public Works Program Coordinator
Damen Ratliff, Assistant Director of Utilities
Courtney White - City Attorney I

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 P.M. by Ryan Zimmer, Chairman. The following items of business were conducted:

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Motion to approve the February 13, 2020 minutes as written was made by Roger Gloe, seconded by Adam Schaer and passed with a 4-0 vote.

4. STAFF UPDATES AND PUBLIC OUTREACH DISCUSSIONS

The task force received reports and brainstormed public outreach strategies for the following current projects or programs and determined the focus should be on conserving water and diverting waste from the landfill:

- A. Composting – Blair Snow reported that the City is only composting brush and limbs and does not have a good quality compost because it is lacking organics and liquids. A capital project would be necessary to build a pit and tank for the necessary liquids. Staff will research funding options, including public/private partnerships, to provide the necessary infrastructure for composting. Ryan Zimmer will be included in future correspondence and Adam Schaer will initiate conversations with local restaurants regarding composting.
- B. Curbside/Bulky Item Pickup – Blair Snow reported that the curbside program is continuing to grow. There are currently 550 to 750 bulky item pickups per week. As the program continues to expand, citizens should be encouraged to use it.
- C. Water Conservation – Jonathan Gresham stated that Julie Allegretti’s emphasis as Utilities Program Manager is to examine best management practices of similar sized cities, including Midland/Odessa, that have ordinances in place to address water conservation. The City of Amarillo is providing information on the website and via social media. The taskforce requested a bulletized list of water conservation measures for the next meeting.

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5. PRESENTATION ON OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Courtney White discussed the Six Key Concepts of Texas Open Meetings Law and reminded task force members that online training is required for board/task force members. The City Secretary maintains completion certificates.

6. SET DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Task Force will be held remotely via Zoom on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM. Agenda items will include discussions of water conservation ideas (education, enforcement and incentives) presented by Utilities Department staff and environmental considerations regarding composting (Anthony Spanel, Director of Environmental Health).