

City of Amarillo  
Environmental Task Force

On December 16, 2021, the Environmental Task Force (Task Force) met at the Simms Municipal Building, Room 203 at 12:00 P.M., with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tim Dillon	Y	12	12
Roger Gloe	Y	17	14
David Moody	Y	12	12
Adam Schaer	Y	12	5
Howard Smith	Y	25	22
<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF</b>			
Donny Hooper	Y		

The following guests were also present:

Alan Harder, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Julie Herman, Program Coordinator of Public Works  
Ricky Rivera, Assistant Superintendent of Solid Waste Disposal

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 P.M. by David Moody, Chairman. The following items of business were conducted:

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

2. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2021**

A motion to approve the October 21, 2021 minutes as written was made by Howard Smith and seconded by Roger Gloe. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

3. **DISCUSS OR RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING CURRENT MATTERS OR PROJECTS:**

a. **Diverting Items Including Concrete from Landfill** – Donny Hooper stated that the City is interested in diverting items from the landfill to increase the time each cell can be used. He projected the cost of a new cell at \$10M. Currently, the City is diverting brush and compost material from the landfill. Donny Hooper met with consultants to discuss concrete diversion and the requirements for a designated staging area, permit and ordinance change. The City would need to purchase a crusher or hire a contractor to crush the concrete for reuse and could make the product available or trade it out for use as a base material. This will be implemented in the next 2 years and will reduce the cost of cleaning up illegally dumped concrete. Additional items that could be diverted from the landfill include: white goods, metal goods and construction materials. Donny Hooper is looking for a contractor to pick up white goods and pay a nominal fee to the City. Adam Schaer discussed the cardboard recycling program briefly and will provide a presentation at the next Environmental Task Force meeting.

4. **BRAINSTORM PUBLIC EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The Task Force discussed community engagement and determined a local advertising campaign (public service announcement) would be effective. Illegal dumping, “Don’t Bag It” grass clipping campaign and issuing raffle tickets to incentivize composting and concrete diversion were identified as possible topics. An “Illegal Dumping Catch of the Week” partnership with Crime Stoppers was also discussed.

5. **SET DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

The Task Force set the next meeting for Thursday, February 17, 2022 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Agenda items will include a discussion of the Illegal Dumping Task Force (Donny Hooper), Cardboard Recycling Project (Adam Schaer), educating the public and raising awareness on the successes of the Environmental Task Force (composting, tire shredding, etc.) and brainstorming challenges and ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.