

City of Amarillo  
Environmental Task Force

On May 19, 2022, 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	15	15
Dan Ferguson	N	3	2
Roger Gloe	Y	20	17
David Moody	Y	15	15
Adam Schaer	N	15	5
Howard Smith	Y	28	25
<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF</b>			
Donny Hooper	N		

The following guests were also present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by David Moody, Chairman. The following items of business were conducted:

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

2. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 21, 2022**

A motion to approve the April 21, 2022 minutes as written was made by Howard Smith and seconded by Roger Gloe. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

3. **BRAINSTORM IDEAS FOR THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:**

- a. **Don't Bag It Program** –Texas A&M developed the program 40 years ago. It addresses mowing height and fertilizers and seeks to reduce plant waste and water use but does not include cool season grasses. The COA program must address the 5 W's (Who, What, Where, When and Why). Possible outlets include Facebook posts with links to more information, a mailer in the COA water bill and bumper stickers. Courtney White will contact Texas A&M to obtain approval to use the "Don't Bag It" term. Public Works staff will work with the Communications Department to design COA materials.
- c. **Cardboard Recycling Program** – Discussed painting dumpsters a unique color (not green or brown) and enlarging the Solid Waste logo. Public Works staff will work with Adam Schaer (KB Recycling) to relocate dumpsters and the Parks Department to determine if dumpsters can be placed in parks.

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

The Task Force set the next meeting for Thursday, June 16, 2022, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Public Works staff will provide updates on Don't Bag It, Cardboard Dumpsters and Earth Day. Other public education opportunities will be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.