

City of Amarillo
Environmental Task Force

On August 19, 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	10	10
Roger Gloe	N	15	12
David Moody	Y	10	10
Adam Schaer	N	10	4
Howard Smith	Y	23	20
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF			
Donny Hooper	Y		

The following guests were also present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 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 MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 22, 2021 AND JUNE 24, 2021

A motion to approve the April 22, 2021 and June 24, 2021 minutes as written was made by Howard Smith and seconded by Tim Dillon. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

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

- a. Staff Introductions** – Donny Hooper introduced Ricky Rivera, the new Assistant Solid Waste Superintendent for Disposal Operations and discussed his background and experience.
- b. Landfill Composting Program** - Will Smith provided an update of composting operations at the Landfill. High Plains Food Bank has contributed 39.33 tons of material for pick up. A1 Rocket has contributed 48 tons of tea leaves and provided a dumpster to collect grass clippings at the Greenways. No clippings were collected this summer and a new location will be discussed for next year. The temperature of the material peaked at 180 degrees and is coming down. It will be sent out for testing and public compost items will continue to be added. The Task Force noted the importance of composting in this area based on its ability to hold moisture and loosen up clay soil. The program reduces the amount of grass disposed of in the Landfill. Will Smith will update when testing proceeds.
- c. Curbside Collection Program** – Donny Hooper provided a presentation describing the Big and Bulky Pickup program that began in March 2018. The program was created to give residential customers easy options for disposing of bulky waste and reducing illegal dumping. Annual numbers for curbside collection requests have increased in each year that the program has been in existence. Currently, customers request pickups, but the program may eventually add route pickups and simplify requests. Although there have been challenges, the program has been very successful. Additional personnel and equipment will be needed to expand the program. Staff continues to monitor data and make recommendations to management as needed.

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

The Task Force discussed and set the next meeting for Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Agenda items will include an update on the Water Conservation Program, Citywide Cleanup (9/18/21) Report, and brainstorming public education opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 P.M.