

City of Amarillo
Environmental Task Force

On the 26th day of July 2017, the Environmental Task Force met at 6:00 p.m. on the Second floor, Conference Room 203, Simms Municipal Building, 808 S. Buchanan, with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Charlie Graham	Y	8	4
Taylor Finley	N	8	4
Tom Johnson	N	8	7
Chris Gulley	Y	8	5
Mindy Odom	N	8	5
Cole Camp	Y	8	8
John Kiehl	Y	8	6
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF			
David Lehfeldt	Y	8	7

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. and the following items of business were conducted:

Consider Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Chris Gulley, seconded by Charlie Graham, motion passed.

Review of New Resolution NO. 06-20-17-2

Resolution No. 06-20-17-2 was reviewed and items discussed were:

- Number of citizens on the task force
- Frequency the task force submits a report to city council

Update on Brush and Composting Programs

Dave Lehfeldt updated the task force on the following:

- Permit modification at the landfill for composting was approved by the TCEQ
- Construction has started on the compost facility
- Public meetings will be held about relocating the brush sites to the landfill
 - Dave presented a flyer about composting that will be give out at the meeting
 - Dave explained why relocation of the brush sites was important
 - Encouraged task force members to attend meetings
- Dave discussed the amount of compost that is expected to be produced per year.
- Cost of composting
- Feedstock for composting needed
 - Grass clippings
 - Organic materials (Plant and animal)

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- Companies that could provided feedstock
 - Hilmar Cheese
 - Caviness beef packers
 - Cargill
 - Affiliated foods
 - Ben E Keith
 - Community farmers markets
 - AISD
 - CISD
 - Amarillo College
 - Plains Dairy
 - Budweiser
 - Coors
 - Pumpkin Patches
 - Horse Farms
 - Coke
 - Miller
 - Hospitals
 - H&R Foods
 - Bell Helicopter
 - International Paper
 - Amarillo Globe News
 - DDS (Document Shredding & Storage)
 - Zoo

Discussion was held about contacting companies about feedstock. Dave explained that a meeting would need to take place on an individual basis and discuss the material handling procedures.

Miscellaneous Discussions:

- David Reasoner, City of Amarillo Chief Chemist, discussed heavy metals in composting. Dave Lehfeldt discussed how the metals would be handled in the composting practice.
- Putting information on the City of Amarillo's web page about why the City of Amarillo is making changes in their programs.
 - State the facts
 - List the reasons why
 - List steps on how it will be resolved

Tire Status Update

Scott McDonald visited with some tire retailers and they seem to support the required core charge. He will set up meetings next week with the tire retailers and have a recommendation for the task force next month.

Recycling List

The recycling list was reviewed and the following was discussed:

- Providing a "Link" to private industries for recycling needs
- Linking what recycling the City offers to the recycling page on the City's web page
- House hold hazardous waste give away
- The need for recycling / disposal of old fuels

Public Comments - No comments

Next Meeting Date – August 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Tire Status update
- Compost update
- Long term recycling opportunities
- Recycling / disposal of old fuels
- Consider New chair person
- Website update

Adjourn

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.