

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF August 21, 2013

Item No. 1 being:

ROLL CALL

The Environmental Control Advisory Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session at the City of Norman, in the Study Session Room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street on August 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Notice and Agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Amanda Nairn (Chair) Darren Alexander Holly Armstrong James Harp Aaron Pilat Charles Sever
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MEMBERS ABSENT	Zac Abbott Linda Goeringer Odette Horton
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Debbie Smith, Environmental Svcs. Coordinator Charlie Thomas, Cap. Projects Engineer
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Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE GUESTS

GUESTS PRESENT	Chris Ward, Cleveland County Conservation District, Education Director
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Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2013 MEETING

Amanda Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the June 19, 2013 minutes. There being none. Aaron Pilat made a motion to approve the June 19, 2013 minutes. Charles Sever seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn Darren Alexander Holly Armstrong James Harp Aaron Pilat Charles Sever
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSS FERTILIZER PUBLIC EDUCATION

No discussion

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS WATER CONSERVATION PUBLIC EDUCATION

Nairn stated the July 17, 2013 Water Wise workshop ECAB co-sponsored was well attended, approximately 35 people. Topics included: State of Lake Thunderbird, Outdoor Water Conservation, How to Make Bermuda water Friendly, Tough Plants for Tough Times, and Rain Gardens for Your Yard. Nairn said there were quite a few questions on storm water and there was no one on the panel was qualified to speak on storm water. This led to discussions on having another Water Wise workshop on this subject. It would cover how we, as citizens, could influence water quality but it would also be general information for the public, not too technical. Sever suggested having displays during the workshop that shows the drainage basins. Sever also asked how this would be advertised. Nairn said a press release would be sent out and it would be on the City's website. He also suggested preparing and posting a list of questions that would be addressed at the workshop. Charles Sever made a motion to host a storm water workshop in late September. Holly Armstrong seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn Darren Alexander Holly Armstrong James Harp Aaron Pilat Charles Sever
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

There was discussion by the members about hosting another workshop in the spring about specific tips to reduce storm water runoff. Sever volunteered to help create presentations for the workshops. Nairn stated she would discuss the workshops with the Storm Water Division and get their input on how ECAB can help.

The Water's Worth It Yard of the Month has not been submitted to the newspaper yet. The Board determined that the nominations need to be submitted by September 10. It was also decided that a new yard sign would be given to each winner. A subcommittee group consisting of Amanda Nairn, Aaron Pilat, and Holly Armstrong will meet September 16 at 4:30 to view the nominated yards. Chris Ward will also participate. Debbie Smith or Charlie Thomas will drive the committee in a city vehicle.

Nairn has been asked several times recently if she knew of any plumbers that could install gray water systems. She called Ken Komiske and asked if he had a list of plumbers that did this. He said he did not. They discussed having a seminar for plumbers to teach them how to install gray water systems. Komiske suggested ECAB take the lead on this. Sever stated that he believes the EPA has a list of plumbers that do this type of work and a training program for them. He will try to find this information. The training would probably be under two hours and conducted by professional plumbers. Thomas said he would contact the City's plumbing inspectors to see if they had any suggestions. Smith suggested contacting Moore Norman Technology Center. Thomas will also contact Moore-Norman.

Item No. 6 being:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development Block Grant Committee (CDBG) – (C. Sever and D. Alexander) – no report

Item No. 7 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Smith announced that the household hazardous waste collection event will be held October 19, pending approval of Council. Armstrong volunteered to help.

Item No. 8 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

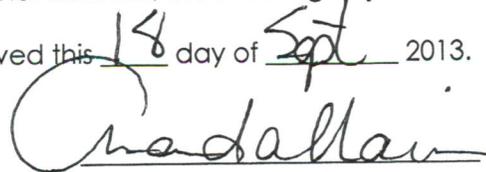
None

Item No. 9 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Passed and approved this 18 day of Sept 2013.



Chair, Amanda Nairn