

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF November 20, 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 Multipurpose Room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street on November 20, 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)
Linda Goeringer (Vice Chair)
Darren Alexander
Holly Armstrong
James Harp (arrived at 5:40)
Corson Hirschfeld
Odette Horton (arrived at 5:40)
Aaron Pilat

MEMBERS ABSENT

Zac Abbott

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Aaron Milligan, Stormwater Specialists
Debbie Smith, Environmental Svcs. Coordinator
Charlie Thomas, Cap. Projects Engineer

Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE GUESTS AND NEW MEMBER

GUESTS PRESENT

None

Current ECAB members introduced themselves to new Board member Corson Hirschfeld who was appointed in October. Hirschfeld said he moved to Norman about 8 years ago from Cincinnati. He retired from his photography business but continues to write and do Fine Art here. Nairn gave a brief update on recent ECAB activities.

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2013 MEETING

Amanda Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the October 16, 2013 minutes. There being none, Horton made a motion to approve the October 16, 2013 minutes. Pilat seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS

Amanda Nairn
Linda Goeringer
Darren Alexander
Holly Armstrong

James Harp
Corson Hirschfeld
Odette Horton
Aaron Pilat

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

STORMWATER UTILITY PRESENTATION

Aaron Milligan explained the proposed stormwater utility to the Board. He gave a brief history. In 2005, the City of Norman was issued a permit from the State of Oklahoma, based on new Phase 2 regulations, to discharge stormwater. This was considered an unfunded mandate. Norman absorbed this cost in the General Fund. The City hired a company to develop a Stormwater Master Plan (SMP), which determined that the City needs a utility fee to pay for the requirements. The SMP looked at water quality issues, erosion, and drainage. He distributed a handout from a recent webinar he heard that explains what a Stormwater Utility is. In addition to the Phase 2 requirements, the state recently conducted a total maximum daily load (TMDL) on Lake Thunderbird and required Norman to reduce pollutants going in to the lake. The cost to implement this would also be paid by the stormwater utility. The specific costs and services have not been finalized. The fee will need to be voted on by the citizens of Norman, the only city in the state that requires a vote for fees to be added or changed. Nairn extended an open invitation to Milligan to keep the Board updated on the proposed fee. Milligan agreed to this and appreciated the feedback.

Item No. 5 being

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

Goeringer made a motion to move the March 19, 2014 meeting to March 12, 2014 and the December 17, 2014 meeting to December 10, 2014 and to approve the amended meeting dates. Armstrong seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
Linda Goeringer
Darren Alexander
Holly Armstrong
James Harp
Corson Hirschfeld
Odette Horton
Aaron Pilat

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSS POSTER CONTEST

Goeringer and Horton are heading this event. Horton emailed the updated contest rules to the Board last week. Thomas suggested changing the first sentence a little by removing "and celebrate Earth Day". The Board agreed. The deadline date for entries will be discussed at the next meeting but it was decided to have them returned earlier than they were last year. Also, last year, many parents of the students were not aware of the winners so Horton and Goeringer will contact both the parents and the teachers this year.

Item No. 7 being:

DISCUSS WATER CONSERVATION PUBLIC EDUCATION

Nairn said that Aaron Milligan is involved with a group, Central Oklahoma Stormwater Association, that is going to sell rain barrels at the Oklahoma fairgrounds at the Oklahoma Home and Garden show in January. He just wanted to let ECAB know and he also wanted to know if ECAB would like to provide information for the table. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting. The Board suggested the city put a list of water-related definitions on the city's website.

Item No. 8 being:

DISCUSS FERTILIZER PUBLIC EDUCATION

Alexander said the fertilizer display at Lowes is by the front door. They are supposed to be by the fertilizers. Nairn suggested telling Milligan.

Item No. 9 being:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Item No. 9 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

No discussion

Item No. 10 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

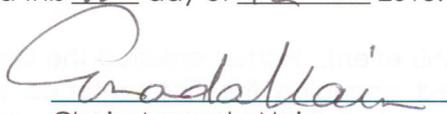
None

Item No. 11 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Passed and approved this 11 day of 12 2013.


Chair, Amanda Nairn