

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES OF January 15, 2014

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 Informal Conference Room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street on January 15, 2014 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 James Harp (left at 6:45 p.m.) Corson Hirschfeld Odette Horton Aaron Pilat
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MEMBERS ABSENT	Zac Abbott Holly Armstrong
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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	None
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Item No. 3 being:

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2013 MEETING

Amanda Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the December 11, 2013 minutes. There being none, Abbott made a motion to approve the December 11, 2013 minutes. Pilat seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn Linda Goeringer Darren Alexander James Harp Corson Hirschfeld Odette Horton Aaron Pilat
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NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

**ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014**

Smith said you can nominate someone or yourself and it usually starts with the Chair and then the Vice chair. Linda Goeringer made a motion to nominate Amanda Nairn as Chair for calendar year 2014. James Harp seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

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

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

James Harp made a motion to nominate Linda Goeringer as Vice Chair for calendar year 2014. Amanda Nairn seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

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

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Item No. 5 being:

**FINALIZE POSTER CONTEST**

The entry forms have been finalized. Board members will take copies of the poster contest to the individual schools when they are notified by Goeringer that they have been approved by the School Administration. A list was passed around and members placed their initials next to the school they were willing to visit. Thomas volunteered to take it to the library and to contact the homeschool groups. Goeringer will give the copy that has been stamped and approved to Smith for scanning and distribution. Board members will need to carry a copy of the approved form to the schools. The Board would like to have a press release on this and have it placed on the

Green Norman website. Smith will check on this. Goeringer and Horton will find donations for the students and teachers. Smith will talk to Copelin's about gift certificates for the teachers.

Item No. 6 being:

### **DISCUSS YARD OF THE MONTH**

The Board briefly discussed this but decided to postpone further discussion until next meeting when Armstrong would be present. The Board discussed changing the name since the contest may not be held monthly.

Item No. 7. Being:

### **DISCUSS FERTILIZER EDUCATION**

Nairn stated that at the last ECAB meeting she was asked to find out how many fertilizer applicators registered. Sixty letters were sent out in June. Six came back as businesses no longer open. Twenty were returned, leaving 34 that didn't respond. Nairn requested that the Stormwater Division be invited to the next meeting. Thomas will check with Scott Sturtz, City Engineer, and ask him if the new Stormwater Engineer can come to the February meeting. He can give an update on the stormwater plan and utility fee. Nairn stated that Scott will be presenting an update on the stormwater utility to Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January and it's open to the public.

Item No. 8 being:

### **DISCUSS ECAB GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2014**

Several ideas were suggested. Horton suggested expanding the poster contest to middle schools. Goeringer is concerned about trees in Norman but the Tree Board and the Greenbelt committee address this. Horton suggested having a presence at the Farmers Market. Hirschfeld stated that many in east Norman are ignored. He will come up with a short list of things that can be done in the area. He stated that one of the problems is on Highway 9. The grass is cut so short on both sides of the highway all of the earth is lost down to bedrock. When they don't do this, wildflowers grow. Harp suggested that the group look at boards from other cities and bring ideas back to the next meeting.

Item No. 9 being:

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Item No. 10 being:

### **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Richard McKown has agreed to talk to the group about the Trailwoods Project. Smith initially asked him to speak at the March meeting but it will need to be changed since judging of the Poster Contest will take up most of that meeting. Nairn also mentioned that Council approved mandatory odd/even watering year round.

Smith mentioned that she is applying to OU's Big Event to help with door hangars for water conservation and the fertilizer ordinance.

Item No. 11 being:

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

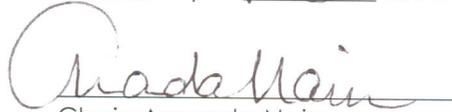
None

Item No. 12 being:

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Passed and approved this 19 day of Feb 2014.

  
Chair, Amanda Nair