

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF
February 19, 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 February 19, 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)
 Holly Armstrong
 Corson Hirschfeld
 Odette Horton
 Aaron Pilat

MEMBERS ABSENT Zac Abbott
 Darren Alexander
 James Harp

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Debbie Smith, Environmental Svcs. Coordinator
 Scott Sturtz, City Engineer
 Joe Willingham, Stormwater Engineer

Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE GUESTS

GUESTS PRESENT Mark Campbell

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2014 MEETING

Amanda Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the January 15, 2014 minutes. There being none, Pilat made a motion to approve the January 15, 2014 minutes. Hirschfeld seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Linda Goeringer
 Holly Armstrong
 Corson Hirschfeld
 Odette Horton
 Aaron Pilat

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

STORMWATER UTILITY UPDATE BY SCOTT STURTZ AND JOE WILLINGHAM

Board members introduced themselves to the new Stormwater Engineer, Joe Willingham. Scott Sturtz explained to Willingham that ECAB has helped stormwater in the past with workshops, the fertilizer ordinance and other items. Willingham has taken Schlechter's position. He came from the Department of Environmental Quality and has a strong stormwater background. Sturtz updated the board on several issues related to stormwater. Sturtz said the stormwater utility fee will probably be up for a vote in August. They are working on the rate structure. It will most likely be a tiered residential rate based on the size of the home. Several programs are planned once the rate goes into effect. Sturtz stated that one of the more important ones is a 50/50 cost share for detention ponds. Most of the detention ponds have fallen into a state of disrepair. This will make it more affordable for homeowner associations to maintain their ponds. In addition, the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report that the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality prepared requires the City to develop a plan to lower phosphorous and nitrogen in the runoff to Lake Thunderbird. Money from the fee (if approved) will be used to accomplish this. Sturtz also told the board that the Sutton Dam has been determined to be a high hazard dam by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The City has hired Wilson and Associates to prepare a report on the dam and determine what needs to be done to bring it in to compliance.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS POSTER CONTEST

Goeringer sent an email reminder to the schools yesterday. Nairn talked to the principal at Jefferson. The Principal said next time it would be best to bring in a hard copy and hang it in the teacher workroom. Posters will be voted on next meeting

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSS YARD OF THE MONTH

Board members discussed changing the name because it is unknown if it will be held each month. Water-wise Award and Water-wise Landscape Award were suggested. It was also suggested to contact the Master Gardeners for their input. Armstrong will write up the guidelines and bring them next month.

Item No. 7. Being:

DISCUSS ECAB GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2014

Hirschfeld would like to see erosion control addressed in east Norman.

Item No. 8 being:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Item No. 9 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Nairn said we will need help with coordination on the day of the Big Event. She has a commitment with the Big Event at her daughter's school. It will be held April 5 and starts at 10. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Item No. 10 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

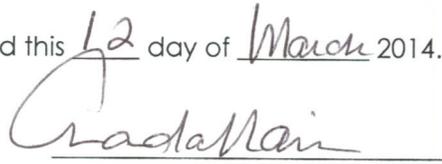
Campbell mentioned he thought it would be interesting to have a poll asking if citizens would be willing to pay for shopping bags.

Item No. 11 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Passed and approved this 12 day of March 2014.



Chair, Amanda Nairn

