

# ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016

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 February 17, 2016 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)  
Eli Bridge  
Patricia Edge  
James Harp (arrived at 5:50 pm)  
Dane Heins  
Odette Horton  
Aaron Pilat

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Jenkins

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Smith, Environmental Svc. Coordinator

Item No. 2 being:

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2016 MEETING

Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the January 20, 2016 minutes. Edge made a motion to approve the January 20, 2016 minutes. Heins seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

#### YEAS

Amanda Nairn  
Linda Goeringer  
Eli Bridge  
Patricia Edge  
Dane Heins  
Odette Horton  
Aaron Pilat

#### NAYS

None

The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Item No. 3 being:

### DISCUSS PUBLIC EDUCATION

Heins presented some logos that he created for ECAB at the last meeting. The Goeringer made a motion to approve the ECAB logos. Horton seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn Linda Goeringer Eli Bridge Patricia Edge Dane Heins Odette Horton Aaron Pilat
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Nairn said that Smith and Chris Ward, Cleveland County Conservation District, met and discussed starting a pilot project for a neighborhood that has a problem with their detention pond. Initially the Natural Resource Conservation Services will evaluate the pond to determine what the problem is. The Stormwater Division will then be asked to see if they can provide some of the services or possibly get a grant to help pay for it. Then an intense public education campaign will be started for the homeowners to address things like fertilizer use. The water in the pond will be sampled before the public education campaign begins and periodically to monitor results. Soil will also be sampled for nutrients during this same time period. Free soil testing is currently available through the County Extension Services and water sampling may be conducted by Blue Thumb, an Oklahoma Conservation Commission program. The neighborhood would need to be an integral part of this. This is very preliminary so details have not been worked out yet. The first steps are to find a neighborhood that has a pond that needs to be addressed and a neighborhood that is willing to work on it. Heins said this would be a great opportunity to visually document the evolution of the project and show the personal impact it has on people.

Item No. 4 being:

#### **DISCUSS BIG EVENT**

Heins brought the door hanger that he created with information on recycling, water conservation and the fertilizer ordinance. Goeringer made a motion to approve the door hangers. Harp seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

The recycling stickers will need to be stapled on to the door hangers. Nairn knows some students that will staple the stickers to the door hangers for us.

Smith passed around the recycling stickers. This was information that went out in the utility bills recently. It was suggested increasing the size of the ECAB logo and also increasing the size of "No Food Please". Edge made a motion to approve the recycling stickers with the changes mentioned above. Goeringer seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS      Amanda Nairn  
              Linda Goeringer  
              Eli Bridge  
              Patricia Edge  
              James Harp  
              Dane Heins  
              Odette Horton  
              Aaron Pilat

NAYS      None

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the Big Event and the Art Walk. Requests will be sent out closer to the date of these events.

Item No. 5 being:

#### **DISCUSS "WATER'S WORTH IT" POSTER CONTEST**

Goeringer created a letter to give to potential donors. She will finalize it and send it to the Board so members can use it to help get donations. Goeringer also has a reminder email for the participating teachers. Posters are due March 4<sup>th</sup> and voting will be on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Item No. 6 being

#### **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Nairn said she and Ken Komiske had an interview with Cleveland County Lifestyle Magazine regarding water conservation efforts in Norman. It will be in the April edition. Heins can bring a few copies to the April Board meeting.

Nairn also mentioned that the rain barrel workshop was successful and she thanked the members that came to help. Smith said a few people didn't show up for their barrels so they will be given away at Earth Day.

Item No. 7 being:

#### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

Item No. 8 being:

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Passed and approved this 9 day of March 2016.

Linda Geering  
VICE Chair, Amanda Nairn  
LINDA GEERING