

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES OF January 19, 2011

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 January 19, 2011 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            Larry Steele, Chair  
                                      Dave Boeck, Vice Chair  
                                      Yves Badaroux  
                                      Jane Dye  
                                      Marc Jensen  
                                      Amanda Rook  
                                      Asia Scudder  
                                      Neil Suneson (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT            Moira Waterbury

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT    Debbie Smith, Environmental Svcs. Coordinator

GUESTS                        Amanda Nairn  
                                      Bob Nairn  
                                      Maryann Maletz  
                                      Pat Mills  
                                      Nancy Rimassa

Item No. 1 being:

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2010 MEETING

Larry Steele asked if there were any corrections to the December 15, 2010 minutes. Dave Boeck made a motion to approve the minutes. Asia Scudder seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS                            Larry Steele, Chair  
                                      Dave Boeck, Vice Chair  
                                      Yves Badaroux  
                                      Jane Dye  
                                      Marc Jensen  
                                      Amanda Rook  
                                      Asia Scudder

NAYS                            None

The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Item No. 2 being:

#### CONTINUE WATER CONSERVATION AND RE-USE DISCUSSION

This item was listed as Item No. 8 on the agenda but was changed to accommodate the guests. Larry Steele introduced the guests he had invited. Pat Mills, Maryann Maletz and Nancy Rimassa were there representing a women's group that would like to volunteer to promote water conservation. Amanda and Bob Nairn were the leaders of a group that received a grant from the

Oklahoma Water Resources Board to refurbish the outdoor classroom at Jefferson Elementary and to distribute rain barrels. They held a workshop at Jefferson Elementary to distribute them. Bob Nairn said rain barrels can be purchased at many locations but there is a location in Okarche that will sell the 60 gallon drums for around \$15. These drums were used for food grade products. The hardware would be an additional \$10. These can also be painted to match their surroundings. The barrels can be used with gutters or from run-off from roof valleys. Dr. Nairn passed out two pieces of information, "Jefferson Elementary School Outdoor Classroom Rain Barrel Construction Workshop" and "How Can I Make a Rain Barrel". Larry Steele would like ECAB to host rain barrel workshops to teach about the benefits of rain barrels and how to make them. He would like ECAB and the women's group to run these workshops. The barrels would need to be picked up and stored by the City of Norman. Dave Boeck suggested ECAB search for grants that could be used for this purpose. Larry Steele suggested buying several barrels. The barrels could be sold at cost and the money generated used to buy more. In the meantime, a grant could be pursued. Board members asked Debbie Smith to invite Aaron Milligan to the next meeting to see if he would be interested in working with ECAB on this. Aaron Milligan is the City of Norman's Stormwater Specialist. Dave Boeck suggested the City of Norman sponsor this since they are discussing long term water supply. This would help conserve Norman's water. Dave Boeck also suggested contacting banks since they are required to spend money to help their community. Board members will contact Home Depot and Lowes for grants also. Larry Steele stated that if ECAB could find funding he would contact the guests to assist in training individuals for the workshops. Larry Steele, Asia Scudder, Dave Boeck and Jane Dye will work on funding for the rain barrels. Debra Smith was asked to check to see what kind of assistance the City of Norman could provide.

Item No. 3 being:

**ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011**

Larry Steele nominated Marc Jensen as Chair. Dave Boeck seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Larry Steele Dave Boeck Yves Badaroux Jane Dye Marc Jensen Amanda Rook Asia Scudder Neil Suneson
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Marc Jensen nominated Dave Boeck as Vice Chair. Larry Steele seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Larry Steele Dave Boeck Yves Badaroux Jane Dye Marc Jensen Amanda Rook Asia Scudder Neil Suneson
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

#### **FINALIZE CONSERVATION CONTEST PLANS**

Amanda Rook has received a few donations for prizes and she has contacted some other sources for additional donations for the teachers and students. She will work on this and finalize a list of prizes for the next meeting. The contest rules will be emailed to the teachers with the deadline for submittal to be the middle of March.

Item No. 5 being:

#### **REPORT ON TASKS ASSIGNED FOR PESTICIDE AND HERBICIDE DISCUSSION**

Asia Scudder discussed the brochure that was being planned. She would like the brochure to have three columns. The first column would be a list of chemical fertilizers, what their purpose is and how much they cost. Next to this column would be the organic, safer alternative. The final column would explain the difference in terms of safety. Debbie Smith stated that the brochure would need to be approved before it can be released. Marc Jensen received a list from Wal-Mart of their big sellers. This may be a good guide to use. Board members will work on developing a draft for the next meeting. Larry Steele asked if Parks was still interested in doing a pilot project. Debbie Smith said Parks was willing to try and will set up a meeting with Asia Scudder and the Parks Department. Retailers will be given a list of the type of products ECAB is recommending in order to encourage them to stock these.

Item No. 6 being:

#### **DISCUSS WATERSHED SIGNS**

Marc Jensen created a watershed sign. Debbie Smith will provide the dimensions for the signs. Neil Suneson stated he thought the words "Entering" before Lake Thunderbird Watershed should be added. These signs will be placed on the major roads with maximum traffic close to the vicinity of the watershed boundaries. Additional signs may be created without the wording "Entering" so they can be placed in other highly visible areas that are not the boundary of the watershed. Debbie Smith will find out how many colors can be used on the sign.

Item No. 7 being:

#### **CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON JACK-O-LANTERN RECYCLING GAMES**

Postponed

Item No. 8 being:

#### **ADOPT-A-PARK RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Debbie Smith checked with Parks to see if they were willing to participate. They are willing to let ECAB supply recycling containers to city parks and allow volunteers to take care of the recycling at these parks. Neil Suneson will check on the cost of these containers.

Item No. 9 being:

#### **DISCUSS FOWL REGULATIONS IN NORMAN**

Postponed

Item No. 10 being:

#### **DISCUSS BUTTERFLY GARDENS**

Asia Scudder had a few articles about rain gardens she showed to the group. She will discuss these at the next meeting

Item No. 11 being:

### **DISCUSS SIGNS FOR DROP-OFF RECYCLING CENTERS**

ECAB members had a few suggestions for the signs. The Sanitation Department was asked to develop signs to be placed at the recycling centers for citizens explaining what can and what can not be recycled. ECAB members suggested removing "etc" from the list. They also suggested using bold text for the main items on the list but having the specific descriptions use normal text.

Item No. 12 being:

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Community Development Block Grant Committee (J. Dye and D. Boeck) – Jane Dye said CDBG is trying to work with neighborhood parks to help build a sense of community. There is limited funding so they are meeting to decide what can be accomplished.
2. Bicycle Committee (N. Suneson) – Neil Suneson said the Bike Friendly application will be submitted in February.
3. Stormwater Master Plan Task Force/Greenbelt (N. Suneson, D. Boeck, and A. Rook – remove this committee from the committee reports list
4. Green Team (D. Smith) – no report

Item No. 13 being:

### **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Dave Boeck mentioned he had been involved with the "Norman Aging Needs Assessment" project this past year. They are trying to develop criteria to help leaders look at the community and help it be more age friendly. They have funding for an art exhibit in March that will include a photo voice exhibit that will address items that either hinder you or assist you in being mobile. Artists over the age of 50 will present art projects that reflect on being older in Norman.

Amanda Rook thanked Larry Steele for being such a good Chair and Dave Boeck for being Vice Chair

Item No. 14 being:

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

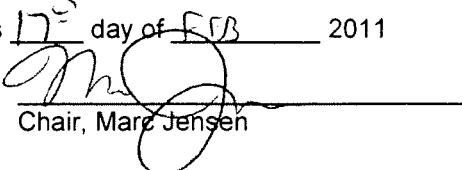
None

Item No. 15 being:

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Passed and approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of FEB 2011

  
Chair, Marc Jensen