

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF
March 16, 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 Study Session Room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street on March 16, 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 Marc Jensen, Chair
 Dave Boeck, Vice Chair
 Yves Badaroux
 Jane Dye
 Amanda Rook
 Asia Scudder (left at 6:30 p.m.)
 Larry Steele
 Moira Waterbury (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT Neil Suneson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Debbie Smith, Environmental Svcs. Coordinator

GUESTS Chris Ward, Cleveland County Conservation District
 Charlie Thomas, City of Norman, Utilities Department,
 Capital Projects Engineer

Item No. 1 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2011 MEETING

Marc Jensen asked if there were any corrections to the February 16, 2011 minutes. Jane Dye made a motion to approve the minutes. Dave Boeck seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

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

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 2 being:

DISCUSS RAIN BARREL PROGRAM WITH CHRIS WARD, CLEVELAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Chris Ward stated that she had a \$500 to a \$1000 grant that ECAB could use. She would need specific information from the Board regarding the grant. She also stated that other grants were available from Fish and Wildlife and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. Her organization will not let ECAB charge for the barrels but suggested charging for the workshop and attendees will be given a rain barrel. Chris suggested contacting companies to see if they would donate the hardware

for the barrels and allow ECAB to hold the workshop onsite. This may encourage workshop attendees to visit the store. She suggested Lowes, Sutherlands and Home Depot. Larry Steele will contact the stores. He will also contact Coca-Cola to find out if they will donate the barrels. Debbie Smith will contact Aaron Milligan to determine if they have a place to store the barrels at the Street Department and a means to pick them up. There was discussion on whether or not to charge for the barrels and, if so, how much will be charged. That will be decided after the Board finds out about donations.

Item No. 3 being:

REVIEW CONSERVATION CONTEST SUBMISSIONS

The essays were voted on with the following results:

High School (one entry)

First Place: "Cars and Conserving Energy"
Katherine McElhaney
Grade

Teacher – P. McDaniels
School Phone
School Principal

Middle School (five entries)

First Place "That's The Sound"
Sarah Smallwood
Grade

Teacher – Slatten
School Phone
School Principal

Second Place "Habitat Protection"
Jesse Gibson
Grade

Teacher – Slatten
School Phone
School Principal

Third Place "Water Conservation"
Mariah Smith
Grade

Teacher – Slatten
School Phone
School Principal

The posters were voted on with the following results:

Elementary School (17 entries)

First Place Gavin Ice
Grade
Home Address
Home Phone –

Parent/Guardian Name
School
Teacher's name – Jodie Cook
Teacher's phone

Second Place Lindsay Wilson
Grade
Home Address
Home Phone
Parent/Guardian Name
School
Teacher's name – Amy Hardesty
Teacher's phone

Third Place Nicolas Butler
Grade
Home Address
Home Phone
Parent/Guardian Name
School
Teacher's name – Scheryl Wood
Teacher's phone

Marc Jensen and Amanda Rook will coordinate the prizes for the winners and the teachers.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSS WATERSHED SIGNS

Debbie Smith said she had requested information from the Traffic Department regarding the colors and size of the signs and has not heard back yet.

Item No. 5 being:

ADOPT-A-PARK RECYCLING PROGRAM

Marc Jensen submitted a grant application to Keep America Beautiful. This grant would provide recycling containers to be used at area parks. To promote this the Board would provide information for the website, newspaper, PSAs, Chamber and Homeowner Associations. Marc Jensen will develop the information to be released and Debbie Smith will submit this to the City Manager for approval. Chris Ward suggested contacting Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Item No. 6 being:

PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE DISCUSSION

Debbie Smith reported that the Parks Department used corn gluten as a pre-emergent in the median west of 24th on Main Street. Board members discussed placing a sign in the area to notify the public that this area was a test area for organic products. One suggestion for the verbiage on the sign is "Chemical Free Test Area".

Item No. 7 being:

JACK-O-LANTERN GAMES

postponed

Item No. 8 being:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Community Development Block Grant Committee (J. Dye and D. Boeck)-no report
2. Bicycle Committee (N. Suneson)-no report
3. Green Team (D. Smith)- Presentations were made to the team from the participants of the most recent Lean and Green Training.

Item No. 9 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Larry Steele mentioned the next City Council meeting will address the Stormwater Master Plan. He also mentioned the proposed lighting ordinance will be discussed at the first meeting in April. Several amendments are planned to be presented to the lighting ordinance. If anyone is interested in these, please come to the Council meetings.

Debbie Smith told the Board that the household hazardous waste collection event will be held April 9th and the City is recruiting volunteers.

Item No. 10 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

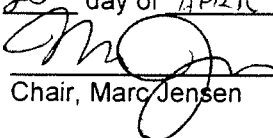
None

Item No. 11 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Passed and approved this 20th day of April 2011.



Chair, Marc Jensen