

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF April 20, 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 Executive Study Room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street on April 20, 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 Amanda Rook Larry Steele Neil Suneson (left at 6:30 p.m.)
MEMBERS ABSENT	Yves Badaroux Jane Dye Asia Scudder Moira Waterbury
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Debbie Smith, Environmental Svcs. Coordinator Charlie Thomas, Capital Projects Engineer
GUESTS	None

Item No. 1 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE March 16, 2011 MEETING

Marc Jensen asked if there were any corrections to the March 16, 2011 minutes. Amanda Rook was accidentally listed as absent. She was present at the March 16, 2011 meeting. Marc Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes with the change noting Amanda was present. Larry Steele seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Marc Jensen, Chair Dave Boeck, Vice Chair Amanda Rook Larry Steele Neil Suneson
NAYS	None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 2 being:

DISCUSS PROGRESS ON WATERSHED SIGNAGE

Debbie Smith said she prepared an example of the sign and a map showing the proposed locations for Ken Komiske. He will show this at the management meeting for final approval. Neil Suneson would like to see a copy of the map that shows the locations to review also. The Board suggested getting the newspaper involved and having pictures taken when the signs are installed.

Item No. 3 being:

DISCUSS RAIN BARREL PROGRAM AND CONFUSION OVER FUNDING SOURCES

Larry Steele stated there is no need for funding. The barrels are being donated by Coca-Cola. Debbie Smith has arranged to have the barrels picked up when we receive the call from Coca-Cola. Larry Steele will contact the package stores to see if the workshop can be held in their parking lots and to see if they will donate the hardware. Amanda and Bob Nairn will provide training for those that plan on holding the workshop. Larry Steele will make arrangements and let everyone know when it will be held.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSS DELIVERY OF CONSERVATION CONTEST PRIZES

Debbie Smith will send the address of the contestants. Marc Jensen and Amanda Rook will deliver these to the principals of the schools so they can acknowledge the students/teachers. Larry Steele suggested scanning and archiving the pictures for future reference. Debbie Smith will make Certificates of Appreciation for all of the individuals that entered the contest. Amanda Rook will write handwritten thank you notes to the donors on ECAB letterhead.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS WILDFLOWER MEADOWS/BUTTERFLY GARDENS ON CITY PROPERTY

Marc Jensen mentioned that he and Debbie Smith met with staff at the Wastewater Treatment Facility to discuss planting wildflowers in areas surrounding the facility. These would be planted in large areas that currently need to be mowed. A sign would be placed on the site explaining the project and a border would be mowed around it to make it look like it was intentional and not just an unmowed area. The plan is to try this at the Wastewater Plant first and then if it is successful to expand this to other City facilities.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSS WATER CONSERVATION

Debbie Smith said the City Manager would like information on what other Cities are doing at their facilities in regards to xeriscape. Amanda Rook and Marc Jensen will research this. The Big 12 cities would be good cities to check.

Item No. 7 being:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Community Development Block Grant Committee (J. Dye and D. Boeck)-no report
2. Bicycle Committee (N. Suneson)-OU has hired a consulting firm to make OU bike friendly. Also, the City is going to stripe some streets. The City should find out soon if they will receive Bike Friendly status.
3. Greenbelt Committee (N. Suneson) – The corridors they are going to try to develop along the streams, which will act as a filter for chemicals and sediment are very important. Moore and Oklahoma City are not addressing these problems. This information is on the City website.
4. Green Team (D. Smith)- no report

Item No. 8 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Amanda Rook is volunteering this summer at OU's green roof. They need other volunteers if anyone is interested.

Marc Jensen stated we did not get the grant for the recycling containers for the parks. ECAB is going to try to get citizens groups to Adopt-a-Park and pick up recycling.

Larry Steele said the second reading for the lighting ordinance was at the council meeting. The businesses do not want this ordinance. He said the ordinance has been tabled until June. Four Council members are on a committee to rewrite the ordinance. The current proposed ordinance does not include retrofitting. Larry Steele mentioned that the engineer at the meeting stated that lighting fixtures have a life span of 8 to 25 years with an average life span of 15 years. A proposal has been made to require retrofitting 15 years after adoption of the ordinance. There has also been a suggestion to require full cut-off light only.

Dave Boeck mentioned he had been involved in the Norman Aging Needs Assessment Project. His project was a "photovoice" of a walk through his neighborhood. The project showed a sidewalk that was severely damaged and it also showed sidewalks that ended several feet before the intersection. Several Council members saw this project and the following week the sidewalk had been repaired and additional sidewalk was being poured. Dave Boeck was appreciative of the quick response.

Item No. 9 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

Item No. 10 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Passed and approved this 18th day of May 2011.



Chair, Marc Jensen