

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF
May 18, 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 Multi-Purpose Room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street on May 18, 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 (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
 Jane Dye
 Asia Scudder (left at 6:30 p.m.)
 Amanda Rook (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
 Larry Steele
 Neil Suneson

MEMBERS ABSENT 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 APRIL 20, 2011 MEETING

Marc Jensen asked if there were any corrections to the April 20, 2011 minutes. Larry Steele made a motion to approve the April 20, 2011 minutes. Neil Suneson seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Marc Jensen, Chair
 Dave Boeck, Vice Chair
 Asia Scudder
 Larry Steele
 Neil Suneson

NAYS None

ABSTAINED Jane Dye

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 2 being:

DISCUSS PROGRESS ON WATERSHED SIGNAGE

Debbie Smith said Ken Komiske asked her to contact the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District for their approval of the watershed signs. Once that is accomplished they should be able to be installed. Debbie Smith showed the Board an example of the sign and a map showing the locations on poster board. Board members suggested having a press release and possibly having a picture placed in the newspaper showing the installation. There is a line in the center of the sign that

cuts through the outline of the lake. They requested shortening this line by about four or five inches on each side.

Item No. 3 being:

POSTING OF CONSERVATION CONTEST WINNERS

Prizes have been delivered. Certificates of Appreciation were given to all entries. Debbie Smith said she would try to have the posters displayed in City Hall after the currently displayed photographs are taken down. The Board decided that when the posters are displayed it would be good to have an article in the paper. Jane Dye will work on the article. Marc Jensen will forward the information to Jane Dye. ECAB will put the contest on the September agenda so work can begin on next year's contest.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSS WATER CONSERVATION/XERISCAPING RESEARCH

Research needs to be conducted to determine what other cities are doing for xeriscaping/water conservation at city government facilities. This list of cities needs to be cities similar to Norman, often times these are Big 12 cities. Jane Dye asked Debbie Smith to review the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement to see if this research has already been done. Marc Jensen would like to see the City provide some type of incentive to homeowners for water conservation. Jane Dye thought a contest for citizens to enter to show off their yards might be good incentive. Neil Suneson mentioned encouraging Boy Scouts to have an Eagle Scout project incorporating xeriscape. Larry Steele mentioned that the proposed Storm Water Master Plan will have an impervious surface fee, maybe citizens that install xeriscape could have their fee reduced.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS UPCOMING RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Larry Steele told the members that Coca Cola will donate 80 barrels for the workshop. The event will be held at Forest Lumber May 21 at 9:30. Forest Lumber will have the parts available for sale at a discount to the participants. Participants will not be required to purchase the hardware. The barrels will be taken to Forest Lumber Thursday before the event. Debbie Smith said she has already received several phone calls regarding the event and there appears to be a lot of interest. There will be a demonstration of the barrels. The people that come to the workshop will receive a number when they arrive. The first 80 people will receive a barrel. We will only give away one barrel per household. At 10:20 if there are any barrels left, individuals will be able to receive a second barrel. A minimum of eight people will need to be there to help. Green cloth bags containing the instructions and relevant information will be given to participants. Additional information will be placed on the GreenNorman.org website. In addition to Larry Steele and Debbie Smith, Asia Scudder and Dave Boeck have volunteered to help.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSS WILDFLOWER MEADOWS/BUTTERFLY GARDENS ON CITY PROPERTY

The wastewater treatment facility has canceled the wildflower project. They have been discouraged by a company that says wildflower plots require a lot of work. They were interested in this project because they thought it would cut down on work, i.e. mowing time. Asia Scudder would like to meet with them to discuss the project and work required. The best time to plant will be in the fall.

Item No. 7 being:

DISCUSS CFL DISPOSAL/SAFETY EDUCATION

Marc Jensen mentioned that ECAB received a letter a couple of months ago from a citizen, James Matheny. He was concerned with the proper disposal of CFL bulbs. No one responded to him. Amanda Rook will contact him.

Item No. 8 being:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Community Development Block Grant Committee (J. Dye and D. Boeck)-no report
2. Bicycle Committee (N. Suneson)- Neil Suneson reported that the City of Norman received the Bicycle Friendly Status, bronze level. He also mentioned that OU is planning on developing the bike paths on campus. Bike to Work day is Friday, May 20. The street striping is getting ready to start. The bike lane map is on the Bicycle League of Norman's website. In October there will be two events. One is the Healthy Community promotion. ODOT is also upgrading Highway 9 and he is encouraging individuals to go to the ODOT website and request that ODOT make the bridge wide enough to accommodate a bike path on Dave Blue Creek. Neil Suneson also said there is a small group of people protesting the stormwater plan. It will go before Council in the near future.
3. Green Team (D. Smith)- no report

Item No. 9 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Debbie Smith said she talked to Recycle America and they are going to start recycling at Norman Public Schools and city facilities. They will not charge for this.

Larry Steele said the Habitat for Humanity Restore has some barrels that would be good to be used as recycling barrels in parks. Marc Jensen will check to see if these are available for sell. They were currently being used for trash.

Debbie Smith mentioned that she had a meeting with Marc Heitz and they want to start monthly "green events". She said their building incorporated several energy efficient and water conservation measures.

Item No. 10 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

Item No. 11 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Passed and approved this 20th day of July 2011.



Chair, Marc Jensen