

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF
September 18, 2013**

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 September 18, 2013 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) Zac Abbott James Harp (arrived at 6:45) Odette Horton Aaron Pilat Charles Sever
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MEMBERS ABSENT	Linda Goeringer (Vice Chair) Darren Alexander Holly Armstrong
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Debbie Smith, Environmental Svcs. Coordinator Charlie Thomas, Cap. Projects Engineer
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Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE GUESTS

GUESTS PRESENT	None
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Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2013 MEETING

Amanda Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the August 21, 2013 minutes. There being none, Zac Abbott made a motion to approve the August 21, 2013 minutes. Charles Sever seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn Zac Abbott Odette Horton Aaron Pilat Charles Sever
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSS WATER CONSERVATION PUBLIC EDUCATION

Nairn stated that the Yard of the Month was advertised in the Norman Transcript. No entries were received. She stated there were a couple of options. We could extend it or start it up later but have additional advertising. The Board decided it was too late in the year to start. Abbot made a motion to postpone Yard of the Month. Pilat seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Zac Abbott
 Odette Horton
 Aaron Pilat
 Charles Sever

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Nairn stated that the City is planning to amend the Water Conservation Plan and go to odd/even watering year round. Nairn has a proposed letter to the Mayor and Council supporting this. There are 5 stages proposed. Some members had concerns regarding the mandatory odd/even days. It is difficult for people with sprinkler systems to set up odd/even. Sprinkler systems are usually set up by the day of the week and it can be complicated to do. Four days a week would be better than odd/even for that reason. A couple of minor revisions to the letter were suggested.

Sever made a motion to forward the letter, with revisions, to the Mayor and Council. Abbott seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Zac Abbott
 James Harp
 Odette Horton
 Aaron Pilat
 Charles Sever

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS FERTILIZER PUBLIC EDUCATION

Nairn said the next Water-Wise workshop is September 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Topics include general storm water information, City's regulations regarding storm water, wetlands and riparian zones, and information on what we can do at home to protect the storm water (agenda attached). It is open to the public. In addition, Tuesday night, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Council Meeting, a Storm Water Proclamation (attached) will be presented. Nairn was asked to receive it on behalf of ECAB. Harp made a motion for ECAB to accept the Storm Water Proclamation. Abbott seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Zac Abbott

James Harp
Odette Horton
Aaron Pilat
Charles Sever

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Harp mentioned it would be valuable to devote one meeting a year to educate Board members on current environmental issues in the city.

Item No. 6 being:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development Block Grant Committee (CDBG) – (C. Sever and D. Alexander) – no report

Item No. 7 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Nairn stated that a meeting to host a gray water workshop was held with the City's plumbing inspectors, Ken Komiske, Charlie Thomas and Debbie Smith. Plans are to host the workshop in November for plumbers.

Item No. 8 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

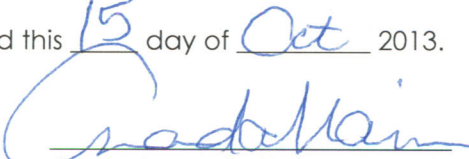
None

Item No. 9 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Passed and approved this 15 day of Oct 2013.


Chair, Amanda Nairn

