

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF January 17, 2018

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 January 17, 2018 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)
 Patricia Edge (Vice-Chair)
 Eli Bridge (arrived at 5:35 pm)
 Dane Heins
 Aaron Pilat
 Matthew Rom

MEMBERS ABSENT Larissa Balzer
 James Harp
 Andrew Sartain

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Debra Smith, Environmental Services Coordinator
 Charlie Thomas, Capitol Projects Engineer
 Carrie Evenson, Stormwater Manager
 Michelle Loudenback, Stormwater Program Specialist

Item No. 2 being

INTRODUCE GUESTS Sereta Wilson, City Council
 Katherine Trent, Ready for 100
 Karen Blasier, Sierra Club
 Adrienne Gautier, Ready for 100

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING

Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the December 13, 2017 minutes. Pilat made a motion to approve the December 13, 2017 minutes. Edge seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Patricia Edge
 Dane Heins
 Aaron Pilat
 Matthew Rom

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

NOMINATE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2018

Edge nominated Nairn to be Chair for 2018. Heins seconded. There being no further nominations, a vote was taken with the following result:

Amanda Nairn
Patricia Edge
Dane Heins
Aaron Pilat
Matthew Rom

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Nairn nominated Rom to be Vice Chair for 2018. Edge seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
Patricia Edge
Dane Heins
Aaron Pilat
Matthew Rom

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 5 being:

UPDATE ON US MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Rom said he asked Sartain and Pilat to work together last month on the energy components (building and renewable energy) of the Agreement and asked if they needed more time. They said they did. Rom shared the format to be used for the individual 12 action items. He used his action item #10 as the example (attached). The first two parts, the Introduction and the Benefits and Needs, he took from the original document. The third section, Norman Accomplishments, will include accomplishments since the original document. The fourth section is Recommendations. He kept them generic enough so council can work with them but have enough teeth that they mean something. The board discussed this item and made a few minor recommendations, which Rom will incorporate into the document. A motion was made by Nairn to accept Item #10 with

the edits. Edge seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Eli Bridge
 Patricia Edge
 Dane Heins
 Aaron Pilat
 Matthew Rom

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

The original document will be attached as an appendix. Nairn said she is getting a lot of questions about when this will be ready. Rom will send an email to the group to have all the documents submitted by the next meeting so this can be finalized. The documents need to be sent to Smith by February 18. She can then send them to the group so they can be reviewed before the meeting. Rom mentioned the documents need to be brief and to the point. Additional information can be added to the appendix.

Item No. 6 being:

SELECT SOCIAL MEDIA PUBLIC EDUCATION TOPICS

Nairn said the poster contest would be a good topic. Smith will send this to Deakins.

Item No. 7 being:

DISCUSS TOPIC FOR BIG EVENT

Smith said she talked to the Parks and Rec Department and there are 55 parks in Norman but not all of them will need to be cleaned. The other part of the Big Event was to have the volunteers give away green bags at grocery stores. She said the stores need to be contacted to see if we can do this. Bridge suggested putting the names of the stores on Facebook telling residents they can get a free bag on that day. Thomas will check with Homeland. Other stores mentioned were WalMart and Target. Smith registered with the Great American Cleanup to get free plastic trash bags and gloves for the park clean-up. Volunteers will be needed to help monitor the parks and stores. The board also mentioned there could be other areas that need to be cleaned, besides parks.

Item No. 8 being:

DISCUSS POSTER CONTEST

The poster contest has been approved by the school administration. Smith had a list of the schools and passed it around for board members. The board members picked schools they were willing to visit and hand deliver the rules. The rules were also sent by email to all the schools.

Smith will contact the after-school program for participation. The posters will be displayed at Stash again during the April 13th 2nd Friday night Artwalk. Smith said she contacted the Artwalk and they agreed to have an environmental theme that month.

Item No. 9 being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING EXEMPTION FOR DRILLING AT LAKE THUNDERBIRD

Bridge asked to have this item on the agenda. Wilson told the board the location of the site, which is north of Rock Creek and east of Cabin Road. Nairn pointed out that this was downstream of Lake Thunderbird so it wouldn't contaminate the lake. Arrowhead Energy has proposed drilling and disposal at this site and plans a meeting with the Cleveland County Oversight Committee on January 24th. They are proposing to drill within the Stream Planning Corridor, which is prohibited by Ordinance. The Oversight Committee can only approve or deny the variance. If denied, Arrowhead could then sue the city based on State law (SB809) which allows for "reasonable" municipal restrictions on drilling activities but prevents cities from banning oil and gas exploration. Nairn asked Bridge if he had any recommendations. He said in this particular case it is probably wait and see. There was discussion wondering if there could be something the city could do to set the city up for future protections if there is a safety or environmental issue. Could there be an ordinance for expanded notification since there is very little notification now? The board agreed that this topic did not fit in to the climate agreement but it could be addressed in another way. A different document could be created or letter could be sent to council addressing concern. This will be discussed at the next meeting with the possibility of a subcommittee being formed to bring forward recommendations.

Item No. 10 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Nairn stated that Ready for 100 (RF100) is starting their public launch and asked the RF100 attendees to announce their plans. They now have a Facebook page, RF100Norman, that lists their activities. Their first speaking engagement is Thursday, January 18 at the First Presbyterian Church. They will have a panel of speakers discussing the policies that have been written. The next meeting is January 22 at the Little Axe Community Center. Councilmember Wilson will join them. They will discuss the Arrowhead issue and transition into RF100. Gautier hopes that the 100% renewable goal could be put in the climate agreement so it could help the RF100 group.

The Central Oklahoma Stormwater Alliance is selling rain barrels again. The information is on the city website. They are bought online and will be picked up in Norman April 13 and 14. Nairn is speaking at the Home and Garden Show in OKC Saturday about rain barrels. The Stormwater Division will also participate.

Item No. 11 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

Item No. 12 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Passed and approved this 14 day of March 2018.

Amanda Nairn
Chair, Amanda Nairn