

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF June 20, 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 June 20, 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)
 Matthew Rom (Vice-Chair)
 Larissa Balzer
 Patricia Edge
 James Harp
 Dane Heins
 Aaron Pilat
 Andrew Sartain

MEMBERS ABSENT Eli Bridge

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Debra Smith, Environmental Services Coordinator
 Carrie Evenson, Stormwater Manager
 Michele Loudenback, Stormwater Program Specialist

Item No. 2 being

INTRODUCE GUESTS

Lynne Miller, Mayor
Katherine Trent, Ready for 100
Karen Blasier, Ready for 100
Adrienne Gautier, Ready for 100
Evan Dunn, Citizens Solutions

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2018 MEETING

Edge made a motion to approve the May 16, 2018 minutes. Harp seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Matthew Rom
 Larissa Balzer
 Patricia Edge
 James Harp
 Dane Heins

Aaron Pilat
Andrew Sartain

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

UPDATE ON US MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Nairn said that at the last meeting she told the board that the Mayor would like to have a subcommittee work on the Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement so she invited the Mayor to come and tell the board what she envisions. She is hopeful that the City will hire a sustainability coordinator but that won't be until January. As far as the committee, from discussions with Nairn, Rom and Ready for 100 (RF100) leadership, she would like to get guidance on what ECAB can work on and how we can handle this organizationally. RF100 is mainly involved with the energy sector and energy sustainability. How can we manage this? This year is a planning year more than anything else. The different departments are already working on this. There will be more information gathering. Matt said this board created the governing document and the first thing we need to do is reach back out to city staff and have them put things in "buckets". Bucket #1 being the things they are working on, bucket #2 is things they see could happen in the next year or two, and bucket #3 being things that can't be accomplished right now. From this information the board can decide where we want to put our effort. At this point the subcommittee will decide if it needs to stay in subcommittee or come back to the board as a whole. Ultimately, anything the subcommittee decides will have to come back to the board for approval. In terms of renewables, trying to come up with a city-based plan will bog this body down. The subcommittee will focus on this separately. Matt wants to be respectful of everyone's time but he doesn't want to lose the ECAB oversight of the document. The Mayor said in addition to this, they talked about at some point, the subcommittee may start to operate on its own as a separate city committee, possibly the "Renewables Committee". Nairn asked who would like to serve on the subcommittee. She appointed Rom chair. Sartain, Nairn, and Pilat said they would serve. Nairn said Bridge also showed interest. Harp stated that depending on the specific focus, it would be good for different board members to assist, so it would be a subcommittee whose attendees would change. For example, if the subcommittee is working on sprawl and since he was the board member to research sprawl for the agreement recommendations, he would attend that specific subcommittee meeting. The Mayor asked the RF100 attendees if they had members that had been designated to be on the committee. They said they have a 10-member team that will be working on the RF100 initiative but only two members will be on the subcommittee. Nairn asked if there were groups or individuals that would also need to be on the subcommittee. Rom said it would be an organic committee and people could be invited depending on the topic to be discussed. The Mayor plans, since they are having their retreat in August, to have this as one of her goals. She will share the next steps with them. The City Manager and all Department Heads will know and they will honor that. Rom said the first subcommittee meeting should be in August. Balzer said her topic was trees and there is an entire board on trees. Nairn said what needs to be done is report what the Tree Board is working on. Nairn asked if there needs to be a vote to create a subcommittee and Miller said it wasn't necessary. Nairn can appoint the subcommittee. Smith said she would like to be involved with the subcommittee.

Item No. 5 being:

SELECT SOCIAL MEDIA PUBLIC EDUCATION TOPICS

Claudia Deakins has resigned as Communications Officer so until a new person is hired our social media posts will need to be sent to Sara Kaplan, Retail Marketing Director, or Terry Floyd, Development Coordinator. Sartain will work on the post for the Landscape Award Winner. He has had difficulty contacting the winner and as soon as he does he will send the video for posting.

Item No. 6 being:

LANDSCAPE AWARD

Balzer asked if the forms could be setup to fill out online. Smith will check with Kaplan or the I.T. Department. Currently it needs to be downloaded, printed and submitted. Several ways were discussed to increase advertising for this award to increase participation. Balzer asked if the award could be published in the Transcript. Smith said the press releases are sent to the Transcript already. Balzer also asked if ads could be put in the Transcript. Heins said a ¼ page add would cost \$700 for the Sunday paper. The board decided this was too expensive. Sartain will contact the Master Gardeners. Smith will submit the landscape award for a press release and ask for it to be published more often and check on boosting a post. The Mayor suggested NPR. It is difficult to find the landscape award forms on the City website. Gautier said she could share it with the Sierra Club. Smith will send the information to her. Mayor Miller suggested contacting church green teams. Sartain had photos of several yards last month. Smith will bring these to the next meeting.

Item No. 7 being:

WATER'S WORTH IT PROCLAMATION

Smith said this was scheduled for the July 10th council meeting.

Item No. 8 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Nairn asked if everyone plans to be at the July meeting. Most members said they would be able to attend. Nairn said the first stormwater open house was last week. She said they have five education stations to explain the different aspects of stormwater and at the end they discuss the proposal that the committee is suggesting. Nothing is final. The point is to get input from citizens. She said it was incredibly positive with about 20-25 attendees, not including staff or Stormwater committee members. This is one of many opportunities to give feedback. Other ways to give feedback include the website, normanstormwater.com, postage-paid postcards or talking to a committee member. The next open house is scheduled for June 30th from 10 am -12 pm at Washington Elementary. There is also one scheduled July 9th from 6:30 pm -8:30pm at the Norman Public Library, Lowry Room. The proposal for residents is based on a flat-fee with three options; a flat-fee of \$6.25, a flat-fee of \$5.00 and a tiered-fee based on downstairs living space of \$3.00, \$6.00 and \$9.00. The committee is also suggesting a \$59 million general obligation

bond that would take care of 33 large projects in addition to a utility fee. The bond goes on the property tax.

Harp wanted to know about Rom's visit with the Mayor regarding the Climate Agreement and what her priorities are about this. He said the board has worked on this for a long time. The board may come back and tell her they need help with certain items. She said that it was important for her to know this.

Nairn said the Central Oklahoma Conservancy District (COMCD) is studying water re-use for several years. Last month, the Del City representatives suggested a resolution to ban putting wastewater in Lake Thunderbird forever. It was decided to continue this discussion, after they get more information. Water re-use is in Norman's long range plan.

Item No. 9 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

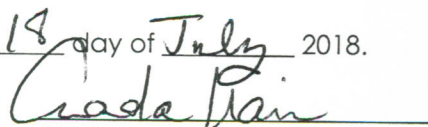
Blasier asked if broken glass contaminates the recycling. Rom said it did not. Trent asked what water was planning to be re-used and if it was frac water. Nairn said she was not talking about frac water she was talking about water that was discharged from the water reclamation facility to Lake Thunderbird and then on to the water treatment plant. She also said the water from the water reclamation facility would be treated to high standards before it would be discharged to the lake.

Item No. 10 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Passed and approved this 18 day of July 2018.


Chair, Amanda Nairn