

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF January 16, 2019

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 16, 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 (left at 6:30)
 James Harp (arrived at 5:35)
 Aaron Pilat

MEMBERS ABSENT Andrew Sartain
 Eli Bridge
 Dane Heins

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

Item No. 2 being

INTRODUCE GUESTS

Tom McCurdy, Oklahoma Gas and Electric

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2018 MEETING

Rom made a motion to approve the December 12, 2018 minutes. Balzer seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Matthew Rom
 Larissa Balzer
 Patricia Edge
 Aaron Pilat

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Balzer reported that the subcommittee met with Annahlyse Meyer. Meyer suggested rebranding the landscape award and changing the name from the Landscape Award to Sustainable Yard of the Month. Meyer is aware that ECAB needs a better means for submissions of nominees so she will keep this in mind with the future website updates. Sartain is going to work on definitions for sustainability and water-wise yards. In addition, Heins is going to help update the Green Norman website. The subcommittee gave Meyer a content calendar since ECAB is the only committee that requests social media posts from her. The items on the calendar include the results of the poster contest and the Big Event in April, Landscape Award through the applicable months, nonflushable wipes, and recycling. The ECAB subcommittee will develop the content for her. Other items can be added throughout the year. Smith said Meyer also asked the board to come up with tips on how to become a Sustainable Yard along with a picture and information on the winner of the month.

Item No. 5 being:

SOCIAL MEDIA TOPICS

This topic will be taken off the agenda next month.

Item No. 6 being:

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR US MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT REPORT

Rom said the subcommittee met January 9th and the purpose was to summarize the information gathered the last couple of months and also included a legislative update from Adrienne Gautier, Sierra Club. She also explained that the Corporation Commission was going to clarify some rules on net metering and third-party electric providers. The next steps for the subcommittee is to request the utility data from the city to see if it makes sense to use alternative energy. Then the subcommittee is going to request a presentation from the alternative energy sector. Rom also said he emailed the Mayor about providing a recycling container in City Hall. Rom stated that the council adopted the Mayors' Climate Protection (MCP) Agreement Resolution the same night as they adopted the Ready for 100 Resolution, which are separate resolutions. Rom doesn't see a way these resolutions can be accomplished unless there is a catastrophic change to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's rules or a change in OG&E's vision of the future between now and 2035. McCurdy stated that until battery storage is an option then they can't do it. He also said he would like to encourage this committee to not name a specific energy source since new technology may become available. Nairn said the subcommittee isn't going to submit anything to this board until the subcommittee is comfortable with it. She also said we are going to have another mayor soon and she doesn't know if this will still be a focus or may even be a bigger focus. It is unknown at this time. She mentioned that the group needs to start researching other things in the MCP agreement besides the energy

sector. Rom said that the City's legal group needs to advise ECAB on the legalities of what the city can require its residents to do; such as alternative energy requirements.

Item No. 7 being:

DISCUSS BIG EVENT

ECAB decided on litter clean-up by the transfer station, Sutton Wilderness, Griffin Park, and storm-drain marking. Nairn asked if the group by the transfer station could also clean-up Reaves. The Big Event is scheduled for April 13th.

Item No. 8 being:

DISCUSS POSTER CONTEST

Smith said she got approval from the school administration. They will send the information to all of the principals. Edge will then email this to all of the secretaries. Edge doesn't think it is necessary to hand deliver the rules and information to the schools. This covers the public schools but not the private schools or the afterschool program. Edge will send this to the private schools and the afterschool program also. Artwalk will be April 12 and help will be needed to set up and work the event. A social media post about Artwalk will need to be forwarded to Annahlyse Meyer prior to the Artshow.

Item No. 9 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Harp asked if Nairn had any words on the Stormwater Committee, since she is co-chair of the committee. Nairn said the first reading was on last Tuesday's agenda. This was a tiered rate option of \$3/\$6/\$9 depending on the square footage of your downstairs living space. This is for residential. For nonresidential, it is based on parcel size. The Council has not definitively decided to send this to a vote in April. She said there is another study session on this tomorrow so she is not sure what will be decided. The committee believes this is the time to do it, with the Transportation Bond, Stormwater Bond and the Stormwater Utility on the ballot in April. Harp asked what the controversial issues were. Nairn said she heard that the "no" side doesn't like the structure of the tiers, they feel it is unfair. Also they think the largest business tiers should be bigger, they should pay more per month. Nairn said at the last study session, Councilmember Wilson asked for an agriculture tier, if you are zoned in A-1 or A-2 you would fall in a special tier. It would most likely be a green credit which would bring your tier down. The largest business tier is \$160, 10% of parcels would pay that and there are no credits for the businesses. Nairn said by not allowing credits they were able to keep the tiers lower. There are no exemptions, including nonprofits. Nairn said the Transportation Bond will not raise taxes. There is currently a Transportation Bond that expires in July so the new bond will just replace this. The Stormwater Bond will raise taxes, approximately \$5 per month.

Nairn said there are rain barrel workshops at the Home and Garden Show this weekend. She will be doing one and Jeri Fleming will do one. Evenson said that the Central Oklahoma Stormwater Alliance will be there and will have a rain barrel to give away.

Evenson said during the April Artwalk they will debut the Artful Inlet Program. The call for artists opened on January 15th. Five artists will be selected and will be painting a stormwater themed message around the inlets. The hope is to bring awareness to storm drains and showcase infrastructure about what it is and what it does.

Item No. 10 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

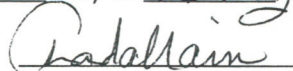
There were no questions from the public.

Item No. 11 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Passed and approved this 20 day of February 2019.



Chair, Amanda Nairn