

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF March 13, 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 March 13, 2019 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 Eli Bridge Patricia Edge James Harp (arrived at 5:35 p.m.) Dane Heins Aaron Pilat Andrew Sartain
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MEMBERS ABSENT	None
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Debra Smith, Environmental Services Coordinator Chris Mattingly, Capital Projects Engineer Carrie Evenson, Stormwater Manager Michelle Loudonback, Stormwater Program Specialist
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Item No. 2 being

INTRODUCE GUESTS

Tom McCurdy, Oklahoma Gas and Electric

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2019 MEETING

Rom made a motion to approve the February 20, 2019 minutes. Heins seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn Matthew Rom Larissa Balzer Eli Bridge Patricia Edge Dane Heins Aaron Pilat
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Andrew Sartain

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

JUDGE POSTER CONTEST

Smith explained the rules for judging the Water's Worth It poster contest. It was agreed upon that each board member would receive four votes for each grade; worth one, two, three, and four points. Four points will be given to the favorite poster in each age group, etc. The posters with the most points within each age group would be collected and judged for the overall grand prize. Posters were received from Jefferson Elementary and Terra Verde Discovery School. There were not any 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, grade entries. A winner will be selected from Kindergarten, 4th Grade and 5th Grade. A drawing will be held for the teacher prize – one from each grade entered. Nairn noted that they received around 100 poster contest entries this year.

The Board left to vote on the Kindergarten and 5th grade poster submissions.

Kindergarten winners were:

- 1st place – Jayna Do
- 2nd place – Asher Brown
- 3rd place Annabell McNeil
- 4th place tie – Ethan Kim and Ashley Graves

5th Grade winners were:

- 1st place – Molly Neary
 - 2nd place – Ella Corrick
 - 3rd place – Emily McCurry
 - 4th place – Ethan Laing
- (since Neary was selected Grand Prize winner all others moved up a place)

Item No. 5 being

LETTER TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON HERBICIDE USE AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Copies of Bridge's letter were passed out. Some board members had been contacted by the public about the City spraying for herbicides. At last meeting the board asked Bridge to compose the letter. Nairn said she had talked to the Mayor and city staff about this saying we can't ask citizens to not use it if the city does. Harp stated that he does not want to submit it as written. He felt the letter should not ask the City to stop using them without requesting an initiative to look at this and report back to ECAB. There was a lot of discussion and it was decided to ask the City Manager and Council to investigate the use of herbicides and report back offering to assist. These changes include: What's the purpose?, How often and where it is used, costs associated with treatment, alternatives, counter arguments from staff, and conflict with nuisance ordinance (weeds).

Bridge made a motion to accept the letter with the suggested changes. Nairn seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Matthew Rom
 Larissa Balzer
 Eli Bridge
 Patricia Edge
 James Harp
 Dane Heins
 Aaron Pilat
 Andrew Sartain

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

The Board left to vote on the 4th grade poster submissions.

- 1st place – Harper York
- 2nd place – Kenzie Kay Van Nice
- 3rd place – Zazell Jean Carmean
- 4th place – Tinesri Ahmed

Item No. 6 being:

SOCIAL MEDIA TOPICS

Balzer said that Sartain agreed to rewrite the submission form for the Sustainable Yard of the Month. She will update the existing language for the social media post to reflect the name change. Nairn said we need to put something out for the ArtWalk Poster Contest Art Show. Nairn asked Balzer to reach out to Annahlyse Meyer, Communications Officer, so she can post it on Facebook and possibly have a press release. Balzer also mentioned it would be good to tag on to the Earth Day Festival and mention we will recognize the winners during the festival.

Item No. 7 being:

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR US MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT REPORT

No progress to report since last meeting. He is working with city staff to find out what has been done. Balzer heard a presentation from Matt Peacock. He had a suggestion to offer recycling at gas stations which would tie in to the agreement. She asked if the board would want him to come share his idea with the board. They said they would. She was also contacted by the Pioneer Library who wanted information on business recycling. Nairn suggested inviting Bret Scovill, Sanitation Manager, to discuss the progress to the group but would like to wait until at least May.

Item No. 8 being:

DISCUSS BIG EVENT AND SIGN-UP TO ASSIST

Volunteers are needed from 9 am to 1 pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around. We are doing park clean-ups at Colonial Estates (or Woodcreek depending on if it's clean), Sutton and Griffin

Parks . Council Member Kate Bierman wants a clean-up at Colonial Estates. They will also clean up the area around the transfer station and do storm drain marking in core Norman.

Item No. 9 being:

DISCUSS ARTWALK AND SIGN-UP TO ASSIST

A sign-up sheet was passed around. Help is needed to set-up and also during the event. Volunteers need to arrive at 11 to set-up and 5:30 for the event. Additions to the event include a sign that explains the contest, select People's Choice winner and to leave comments on each poster. There will also be another sign for sponsors. Heins is going to design a shirt with a logo patch on it so ECAB members can be differentiated. Booths to be invited will be Blue Thumb and the Oklahoma Water Survey.

Item No. 10 being:

DISCUSS EARTH DAY

Smith asked what the group wanted to do. The Earth Day Festival will be April 28th. The board would like to advertise the Landscape Award sign and information on the award and to help the City of Norman booths.

The Board left to vote on the Grand Prize poster winner. The winner is chosen from the 1st place winners of the different age groups. They also drew names for the teacher prizes. Dawn Brown was the only Kindergarten teacher to have students enter so she will receive the prize. The winning teacher of the 4th grade was Bloggett and the 5th grade was Katherine B. Grand Prize poster winner – Molly Neary

Item No. 11 being

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Nairn updated the board on the Stormwater bond and fee. She said they had not seen an organized "No" campaign. They are trying to have as many public education events as they can.

Item No. 12 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

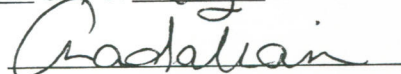
There were no questions from the public.

Item No. 13 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Passed and approved this 15 day of May 2019.


Chair, Amanda Nairn