

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF  
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 September 18, 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  
                                 Dane Heins  
                                 Aaron Pilat

MEMBERS ABSENT     James Harp  
                                 Andrew Sartain

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT     Debra Smith, Environmental Services Manager  
                                 Chris Mattingly, Capital Projects Engineer  
                                 Carrie Evenson, Stormwater Manager  
                                 Michele Loudenback, Stormwater Program Specialist

Item No. 2 being:

**INTRODUCE GUESTS**                                     Tom McCurdy, Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OG&E)

Item No. 3 being:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2019 MEETING**

Heins made a motion to approve the August 21, 2019 minutes. Balzer seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS     Amanda Nairn  
                 Matthew Rom  
                 Larissa Balzer  
                 Dane Heins  
                 Aaron Pilat

NAYS     None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

#### **UPDATE ON US MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

Rom said he has been working on the document. He sent the summaries to OGE and OEC to review to make sure they were accurate. Rom mentioned that the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement and Ready for 100 are being comingled in the press. Nairn said there were commonalities but they are separate. She said there was a study session recently about the franchise agreement and Council said that the ECAB subcommittee would be involved with that. She stated that no one has reached out to her about this and she doesn't think ECAB has the expertise for it. She said that her, Rom, and Smith are going to meet with the Mayor and City Manager next week to discuss this and explain the differences. It has also been mentioned that ECAB is scheduled to give a report to the Mayor and Council in January 2020 on implementing this agreement. McCurdy gave a presentation and in his discussions he told them that a committee should be formed with city staff, and no OGE staff, to work out economics, the timing and present these findings regarding generation. He told them OGE had reduced their emissions by 90% for sulfur dioxide, 75% for nitrogen oxide, and carbon dioxide by 40% in the last 10 years. He also told them that between 2030 and 2050 OGE plans to retire about 90% of its fossil fuel generation which is close to what Norman's goal is. He said the stickler is that they are trying to put language in the franchise agreement that OGE would get rid of fossil fuel generation by 100% by a certain date. He said generation doesn't have anything to do with the franchise agreement and they aren't going to put it in the franchise agreement because that is not what a franchise agreement is for. He said City staff and Council are going to present language to OGE in an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) on the goals. He would like to have an MOU and then have a franchise agreement (a four-page document) that says OGE can use the streets, alleys and roadways and in lieu of that OGE will give the City 3.1 million dollars and \$550,000 of free electricity. He says the MOU will show the commitment from OGE. Rom said the subcommittee meetings have been very educational and they have learned a great deal about the nonrenewable and the renewable sector. Rom said there will have to be partnerships with the energy utilities to accomplish the goals. McCurdy said, if the city will allow them, that OGE could be their most valuable partner in renewable energy. The City needs to tell them how quick they want to do 100% renewable and of what –is it the municipal complex? Is it the whole city by 2035 or is it the whole city by 2050? That is why he wanted the committee put together so they could sort through all those issues. Rom said there is a cost for the citizens to implement renewables. McCurdy said he is committed to help the City and OGE communicate and get this accomplished. Nairn said she personally has concerns about solar farms because of the greenspace that is taken up by them. Rom is working with a few of the City Directors on the other items in the agreement. He is going to report on what has been achieved and roadblocks for implementation. Pilat says he thinks it is time for the City to focus on things they have control of. Nairn asked Pilat, since he is familiar with building codes, etc., to look at the recommendations and identify the low-hanging fruit that would be easy to implement. It might be policy changes or ordinance changes. Things that would be easy and inexpensive to implement. Balzer suggested adding something about trees being infrastructure for stormwater management to the document. An update of the report will be presented at the next ECAB meeting.

Item No. 5 being:

#### **DISCUSS ISSUES WITH SCOOTERS AND DUMPSTERS**

Nairn mentioned that last month Harp brought up the problems with scooters and Pilat mentioned problems with dumpsters. Sartain was going to research the scooter problems but he is not present. Rom said the university is going to partnership with a scooter company that can leave the campus area so there will be additional scooters in Norman. Nairn suggested discussing these at the next meeting.

Item No. 6 being:

#### **DISCUSS INFOGRAPHICS FOR RECYCLING BIN IN THE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

It was suggested that the infographic include something about Green Norman or what to recycle. Rom and Heins will work on this.

Item No. 7 being:

#### **DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA TOPICS**

Nairn asked Balzer if she will send a file of what she has put together in the past since she will no longer be on the Board. She said she would. These topics and graphics can be reused in the future.

Item No. 8 being:

#### **SUSTAINABLE YARD OF THE MONTH**

- **UPDATE ON ONLINE APPLICATION**  
The application is online. Sartain is going to make some changes so when someone applies, the application will be sent to Smith.
- **UPDATE ON VIDEO**  
Balzer said that Sartain sent the landscape award video to be reviewed. Smith said he is going to add a couple of things to it then send it back for review. It is imagery of the past winner and he shows how to navigate to the application and apply.
- **SELECT RECIPIENT FOR SUSTAINABLE YARD OF THE MONTH**  
Smith said the last recipient needs to be recognized in social media. The video Sartain made was of the July recipient but it did not mention who it was or the address. No new nominations were received.

Item No. 9 being:

#### **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Smith mentioned there will be some litter clean-ups coming up. Evenson said there will be one on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave SE from Boyd to Lindsey, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Crestland Park from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., October 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Griffin and Sutton, and the final for this year on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Lake Thunderbird State Park. She would like a lot of volunteers on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This year the Lake Thunderbird Watershed

Partnership between Norman, Moore, and Oklahoma City will have a competition for the amount of trash picked up. October 5<sup>th</sup> the Stormwater group will be at the State Fairgrounds.

Mattingly said there will be interviews for the Forester on Friday. The City is accepting applications for the Sustainability Manager but the position will probably not be filled until after the Planning Director, Police Chief and City Attorney positions are filled. Nairn asked if Terry Floyd's position (Development Coordinator) has been advertised and Smith said it has not.

Item No. 10 being

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

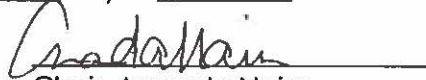
None

Item No. 11 being:

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Passed and approved this 16 day of Oct 2019.

  
Chair, Amanda Nairn