

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 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 October 16, 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)
 James Harp
 Dane Heins
 Andrew Sartain

MEMBERS ABSENT Larissa Balzer
 Aaron Pilat

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

Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE GUESTS Tom McCurdy, Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OG&E)
 Deborah Cretsinger, interested citizen
 Karen Blasier, Ready for 100

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 MEETING

Rom made a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 minutes. Heins seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Matthew Rom
 James Harp
 Dane Heins
 Andrew Sartain

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

UPDATE ON US MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION (MCP) AGREEMENT

Rom said that he, Nairn, Smith, Komiske and Mattingly met with the Mayor and City Manager to discuss the agreement and what ECAB is doing. ECAB was to report to the Mayor and Council in January on updates on the MCP. The Mayor has asked ECAB to postpone the report from January until March so the new council members can be included. He also wanted the new City Manager to know about this agreement. Rom said he thinks the City Manager will be a great advocate. Nairn stated that he seems to think outside the box and offered additional suggestions. The following day Rom then met with Ken Komiske, Utilities Director. One item that Komiske mentioned was the upcoming permanent facility for household hazardous waste. They also discussed methane gas, a by-product of the Water Reclamation Facility, and finding a way to better utilize it. Presently the gas is being evaluated by Entegri, an energy company, that would put the gas into the system. If successful, the City would receive payment for the gas. One thing that was not in the MCP agreement they discussed at great length was the potential of re-using some of the effluent and putting it in the lake which would then go to the water plant for use as a source of drinking water. Amanda said that currently the effluent is discharged into the Canadian River which goes to Lake Eufaula and used as a drinking water source for other towns. Rom said re-use should probably be put in the document. Rom said he still needs to meet with Jane Hudson in Planning. Smith will talk to Hudson about this. Blasier asked what would be in the report. Rom said the report would say which recommendations have been achieved, which recommendations are being discussed and of the remaining recommendations which should be addressed first with some suggestions on how to implement them. Nairn said it would also probably contain information that the board has learned and potential roadblocks for implementing some of the items. Blasier said there was a meeting on October 15th at the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission and she has concerns about what took place at the meeting. Nairn asked Blasier if she could stay after the meeting to discuss the issue with her.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS ISSUES WITH SCOOTERS AND DUMPSTERS

Smith said Sara Kaplan, Retail Marketing Coordinator, contacted her when she noticed this item was on the agenda. She said that she and Beth Muckala, Assistant City Attorney, are working on straightening out some issues with scooters and if ECAB has any issues they would like for them to consider to please let them know. They are working on several issues including slow zones and no-ride zones, operational thresholds (such as lights) fee structure and more. She also said this topic has been in front of the council oversight committee for a few months and is definitely being worked on. Sartain said requiring the companies to have a double kickstand could help with the scooters falling over and causing problems. Harp said San Diego has zones where the scooters automatically slow down and several other regulations that control the scooter use. He believes they would be a good city to review for regulations.

Nairn said dumpsters were brought up by Pilat, who is no longer on the board. Rom said if he remembers correctly the biggest problem Pilat had were the dumpsters by the Swim Complex and this is a self-correcting problem since the dumpsters are only in the problem location because of the construction in the area. Nairn said her issue with dumpsters was the area behind Target, Petco and other stores in the area. She thinks people search through those dumpsters for things

they want and take everything out. The gates are always open. She doesn't know of anything that can be done.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSS INFOGRAPHICS FOR RECYCLING BIN IN THE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Deferred until next month.

Item No. 7 being:

DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA TOPICS

Smith showed the video that Sartain made about applying for the landscape award. The board would like this to be put on social media starting in March. Rom said salt on driveways is a problem in the winter. The board may want to discuss ice-melt and that not all products are the same. Loudenback said the City is switching to brine for roads. This will decrease the amount of salt that is stored.

Item No. 8 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Nairn said the household hazardous waste event is Nov. 2nd and she encourages members to volunteer.

Smith told the board that the recycling market is bad. China stopped accepting recycled material and no other country has stepped up yet. Republic Services will be requesting that plastics #2 through #7 and glass bottles and containers no longer be accepted after November 1, 2019. Smith is not aware of how this information will be disseminated to the public. Smith said she received some statistics from Bret Scovill, Sanitation Manager. He said that cardboard is \$10 per ton which paid us \$1,249 in revenue. Total revenue for all recyclables including cardboard was \$2,048 for September and the operating cost for September was \$15,706.

The Stormwater Division will be having the annual Thunderbird Cleanup October 27th from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. and volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Item No. 9 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

Item No. 10 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Passed and approved this 20 day of Nov. 2019.

Amanda Nairn
Chair, Amanda Nairn