

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF
January 19, 2021**

Item No. 1 being:

ROLL CALL

The Environmental Control Advisory Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in a Special Session at the City of Norman, in the Executive Conference Room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street on January 19, 2021 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 Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)
Lainey Phillips
Deborah Cretsinger
Jim Griffith
Nathalie Rocher

MEMBERS ABSENT Dane Heins (Chair)
Sara Bondy
Robert Vollmar
Thomas Fightmaster

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Rachel Croft, Utilities Staff Engineer
Michelle Chao, Stormwater Program Specialist
Jerry Gates, Environmental Services Assistant Manager

Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS

None

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF December 15, 2021 MEETING

Phillips made a motion to approve the December 15, 2021 minutes. Griffith seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)
Lainey Phillips
Deborah Cretsinger
Jim Griffith
Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A PROMOTIONAL PLAN FOR YARD BY YARD

Cretsinger questioned how they would go about handling the program. Phillips said that her understanding was that they would start with a soft roll out of the program so they could get more training under their belts. Cretsinger asked what the soft roll out entails. Phillips said flyers and Cretsinger asked if that meant sending out flyers in the utility bills. Phillips asked if Cretsinger had any other friends or family that wanted to get certified so that way they could get some practice in. Cretsinger said that she would talk to her neighbor down the street again because she was interested. Phillips said that if it was someone that they knew they might be a little more gracious with them in learning the process of it all as well. Cretsinger asked about getting the information out to the public. Croft said that she thought the other cities relied heavily on social media for promoting. Cretsinger said that she thinks they need to make a list of what they are going to do. Myers confirmed that they were wanting to push it out on social media, utility bill inserts as well as the booth at the artful inlets installation. Myers said that they already have all the graphics they need so it shouldn't take too much to get it all together and push it out. Cretsinger said that in the future maybe they could do posters. Croft said that she would work on the utility bill insert so they could vote on it next month. Myers offered to do 15 minute blurbs at ECAB meetings and after the artful inlets install regarding the 5 topics to better educate everyone and everyone thought that was a great idea.

Cretsinger made a motion to approve the soft rollout on social media and the bill inserts as well as the booth at the artful inlets installation. Phillips seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)
Lainey Phillips
Deborah Cretsinger
Jim Griffith
Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSSION OF ARTFUL INLETS ACTIVITY STATIONS, INCLUDING THE COMPLETION OF THE SEASONAL EATING CALENDAR

Myers asked if there was any other progress on this matter. Cretsinger mentioned that the calendar she made was really cool. Myers said that she hasn't made any more progress on it but

that she was hoping to have it completed by the February meeting so they could vote on it in time. Cretsinger said that she doesn't have an activity for her booth and asked for ideas. Myers said that she doesn't think that she necessarily has to have an activity. Phillips suggested maybe having them plant a seed in a compostable cup that they could take home.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF JAMES HARP AS THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE ECAB ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION AWARD, POSTHUMOUSLY

Griffith made a motion to approve the award, Cretsinger seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)
Lainey Phillips
Deborah Cretsinger
Jim Griffith
Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 7 being:

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL, IF WARRANTED, OF POSSIBLE BIG EVENT (APRIL 2, 2022) ACTIVITIES

Parks & Rec. are doing Reaves and Hall Park and Loudenback suggested Sutton and/or Ruby Grant Park. Cretsinger asked what ECAB's role would be in the big event. Croft said that she thinks they would be helping with the clean-up. Griffith asked if the event was going to be centered around parks. Croft said that they can be but that they could also do something else. Rocher asked if this was something they would be present for or helping out with. Myers said that they would be present for it and helping out, giving their support. Probably handing out water bottles and helping pick up as well. They would hand out the waivers to sign. Rocher said that maybe they could hand out reusable water bottles, maybe even the stainless steel ones. Gates mentioned that they did have some reusable water bottles but wasn't sure how many they had. It was suggested using a water cooler that people could refill their bottles with.

Phillips made a motion to approve cleaning Sutton Park and using the reusable bottles pending the application due date. Griffith seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)
Lainey Phillips
Deborah Cretsinger
Jim Griffith
Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 8 being:

DISCUSSION OF POSTER CONTEST AND APPROVAL OF THE HANDOUT/RULES

Myers explains that the Waters Worth It poster contest is something that is pushed out through the Norman Public Schools and kids are invited to draw some kind of illustration that highlights why water is important in our lives. Cretsinger asked how they informed the schools. Myers said that in the past it was more of a knocking on doors style. Rocher asked if they could include the super intendants and everyone agreed and said that would be the way to go. Griffith asked, what about the Thursday folders, they agreed that was a good idea as well. It was brought up that a lot of those things are now online. Cretsinger said that the super intendent, principal, whoever, could send out a mass email letting the teachers know about it. Myers explained that in the past there were teacher connections but that going forward they need a strategic plan. Myers said that there is an incentive, prizes are awarded. Award for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for K-1, 2-3 and 4-5. Also, the teachers get prizes for participating students. There is also a grand prize awarded which is the poster contest winner's art work being put on the back of the earth day festival's t-shirt. Cretsinger asked how they would notify the home school kids and Phillips explained that there is an Epic office on Main street. Myers suggested also putting them in the libraries. Myers explained that there have been some changes that parents need to know such as Stash is no longer available to display the posters. Gates said that they had discussed possibly displaying them at City Hall. Rocher said that it would be good if they could find a place at art walk to display them. Everyone seemed to agree with that. Griffith suggested one of the galleries downtown. Myers said that they also needed volunteers to get prizes for the winners. Myers asked if anyone would want to volunteer to do that, ask local business' if they would like to donate anything such as gift cards. They will need 18 prizes at most. Rocher volunteered to help in retrieving donations.

Griffith made a motion to approve the poster and the handouts pending changes to location of where they will hold the event. Cretsinger seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)
Lainey Phillips
Deborah Cretsinger
Jim Griffith
Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 9 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Cretsinger said that she wanted to bring up about talking to the City and seeing what they are spraying. Loudenback was supposed to check into it but since she isn't here Cretsinger would like to keep it an ongoing discussion and thinks that it is important for Parks. Philips suggested adding it to next month's agenda so Loudenback can present her research. Everyone agreed.

Rocher mentioned that she lives by a creek, maybe on Imhoff, and when she went by today it was very gray and cloudy as if someone had dumped a bunch of concrete up stream. Croft said that they are working on a bridge on Imhoff and that maybe that has something to do with it. It was later discovered that it is actually Bishop Creek. Chao said that she will handle the investigation in Stormwater and took Natalie's information.

Item No. 10 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

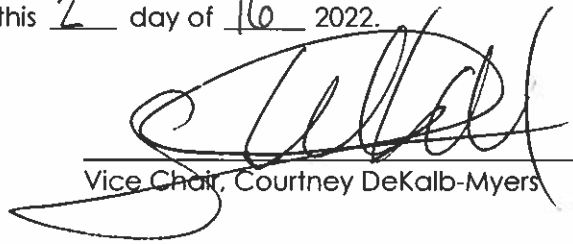
None

Item No. 11 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Passed and approved this 2 day of 16 2022.



Vice Chair, Courtney DeKalb-Myers

