

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF
June 19, 2013**

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 Multipurpose Room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street on June 19, 2013 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) Linda Goeringer (Vice Chair) (arrived 5:35 p.m.) Zac Abbott (arrived 5:35 p.m.) Darren Alexander Holly Armstrong James Harp Odette Horton Aaron Pilat Charles Sever
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MEMBERS ABSENT	none
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Aaron Milligan, Stormwater Specialists Debbie Smith, Environmental Svcs. Coordinator Charlie Thomas, Cap. Projects Engineer
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Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE GUESTS

GUESTS PRESENT	none
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Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2013 MEETING

Amanda Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the May 15, 2013 minutes. There being none. Aaron Pilat made a motion to approve the May 15, 2013 minutes. Charles Sever seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn Linda Goeringer Zac Abbott Darren Alexander Holly Armstrong James Harp Odette Horton Aaron Pilat Charles Sever
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NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSS FERTILIZER PUBLIC EDUCATION

Milligan brought an example of the fertilizer sign that is being displayed at the retailers. They were delivered to Lowes, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Atwood's and Ellison's May 24th. Charles Sever said he would deliver signs to John Deere and Davis Pipe. The City also sent out information to all the certified applicators informing them of the registration requirement and the requirement to provide information to customers. It was sent to 42 applicators and another mailing will be sent out for additional applicators. Milligan asked if ECAB members would periodically check the retail distributors and replenish brochures. He also mentioned that the fertilizer survey was no longer on the website.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS WATER CONSERVATION PUBLIC EDUCATION

Nairn mentioned that last month ECAB discussed having a Water's Worth It proclamation in July. It will be the same as last year. This should be on the July 9th Council agenda. Holly Armstrong made a motion to submit a proclamation to Council for Water's Worth It month. Zac Abbott seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
Linda Goeringer
Zac Abbott
Darren Alexander
Holly Armstrong
James Harp
Odette Horton
Aaron Pilat
Charles Sever

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

In addition to the proclamation, several other events are planned. A rain barrel workshop is scheduled for July 13th at Forest Building Materials. Nairn asked for volunteers to help. A Water Wise workshop is tentatively scheduled for July at the City Council Chambers. The dates available are July 17th and July 18th. The 17th is the night of the next ECAB meeting. Nairn asked if Board members would like to cancel the ECAB meeting and attend the Water Wise workshop instead. Linda Goeringer made a motion to host the Water's Worth It workshop at 6:30 p.m. on July 17th instead of the ECAB meeting and if there is not a workshop the ECAB meeting will be held at the original time. Darren Alexander seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
Linda Goeringer
Zac Abbott
Darren Alexander
Holly Armstrong

James Harp
Odette Horton
Aaron Pilat
Charles Sever

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Nairn said outside water use would be the focus of the workshop. She suggested topics to include how to be water friendly in your yard, native planting, composting and mulching. Armstrong suggested permaculture as a topic that could include waffle gardens. Goeringer suggested Dirt Farmers, Inc. (Julie Garrison) as a possible presenter. Garrison is a landscaper in Norman.

Nairn stated that last month ECAB also discussed Water's Worth It Yard of the Month and Armstrong and Pilat were going to develop the guidelines. Armstrong passed out information from Pilat on water efficient landscape that is addressed in LEED certification. These guidelines could be used in a contest. The Board would like to be able to select a yard by the end of August or September and have the yard published in the paper. Board decided to have a general press release calling for nominees and then possibly go to the nominee's house for an interview or take pictures. Nairn would like the Transcript to do the interview and pictures. Armstrong will develop the guidelines and press release. Armstrong made a motion to allow her to write the Water's Worth It Yard of the Month press release and guidelines to be distributed. Odette Horton seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Linda Goeringer
 Holly Armstrong
 James Harp
 Odette Horton
 Aaron Pilat
 Charles Sever

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Zac Abbott and Darren Alexander were absent for the vote.

A sign will be made for the winner to put in their yard.

Item No. 6 being:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development Block Grant Committee (CDBG) – (C. Sever and D. Alexander) – no report

Item No. 7 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Smith asked if the members received the notice regarding the volunteer recognition reception to be held next week.

Item No. 8 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

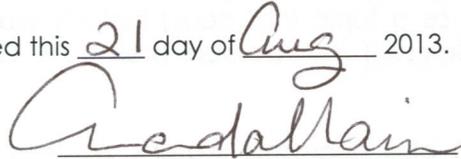
None

Item No. 9 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Passed and approved this 21 day of Aug 2013.


Chair, Amanda Nairn