

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES OF May 21, 2014

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 May 21, 2014 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) Darren Alexander James Harp Odette Horton
MEMBERS ABSENT	Zac Abbott Holly Armstrong Corson Hirschfeld Aaron Pilat
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Debbie Smith, Environmental Svcs. Coordinator

Item No. 2 being:

#### INTRODUCE GUESTS

GUESTS PRESENT	Richard McKown, Ideal Homes and Green Earth Land Design Zac Roach, Ideal Homes
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Item No. 3 being:

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2014 MEETING

Amanda Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the April 16, 2014 minutes. There being none, Goeringer made a motion to approve the April 16, 2014 minutes. Alexander seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn Linda Goeringer Darren Alexander James Harp Odette Horton
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

### **LANDSCAPE AWARD UPDATE**

Smith said the press release was sent to the newspapers but she has not seen it in the Norman Transcript yet. She will follow-up to make sure it is published. All ECAB members plan to nominate at least one person. The nomination deadline is June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Item No. 5 being:

### **TRAIL WOODS PILOT PROJECT PRESENTATION – RICHARD MCKOWN**

McKown gave a presentation showing the design and construction of a recently built neighborhood studying the effect of rain gardens. He has been studying rain gardens for about 10 years. This project was accomplished with collaboration of the University of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. It began when a graduate student called him and was interested in doing research with rain gardens. Ideal Homes has a long history with building energy efficient homes and the most affordable environmental friendly houses in a seven state region. Judith Wilkins, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, approached McKown and told him there was grant money available through the EPA so they decided to build an addition in Trail Woods that would address runoff and the contaminants associated with this. Roach explained that the street is u-shaped. One side of the "u" would incorporate the rain gardens and the other side would not. The runoff from both sides is sampled and tested to determine which area is doing better in removing pollutants. Dr. Nairn's graduate students are analyzing the pollutants. It is too early to know if there has been an increase in pollutant removal from the rain gardens. This project has required a lot of coordination with builders, paving contractors, the City of Norman and others.

Item No. 6. Being:

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Item No. 7 being:

### **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

None

Item No. 8 being:

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

Item No. 9 being:

### **TRAIL WOODS COMMUNITY TOUR – TRAIL WOODS IS LOCATED AT STUBBEMAN AVE. AND W. ROCK CREEK ROAD**

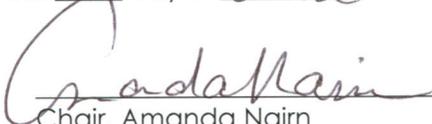
Board members re-assembled at the Trail Woods addition for a tour.

Item No. 10 being:

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Passed and approved this 25 day of June 2014.

  
Chair, Amanda Nairn

