

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF
June 25, 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 June 25, 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)
 Darren Alexander
 Holly Armstrong
 Odette Horton
 Aaron Pilat

MEMBERS ABSENT Linda Goeringer (Vice Chair)
 Zac Abbott
 James Harp
 Corson Hirschfeld

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Charlie Thomas, Capital Projects Engineer

Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE GUESTS

GUESTS PRESENT None

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2014 MEETING

Amanda Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the May 21, 2014 minutes. There being none, Pilat made a motion to approve the May 21, 2014 minutes. Horton seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Darren Alexander
 Holly Armstrong
 Odette Horton
 Aaron Pilat

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

JULY WATER'S WORTH IT PROCLAMATION APPROVAL

Thomas stated it was identical to last year's proclamation. It is tentatively scheduled for Council Agenda July 8, 2014 pending approval from ECAB. Alexander made a motion to approve the Water's Worth It Proclamation. Armstrong seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Darren Alexander
 Holly Armstrong
 Odette Horton
 Aaron Pilat

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR ERADICATING THE RED CEDAR

At the most recent Oversight Committee Meeting, the Mayor and Councilmember Lynne Miller suggested ECAB address public education for the eradication of the eastern red cedar. OSU Extension has many articles online about this. It was suggested that the Board educate themselves on this and then make a decision if they want to pursue it. Alexander will research this and report on it at the next meeting. Red Cedar is considered an extreme fire hazard and uses a large amount of water. They are often used for a windbreak. The Board needs to suggest alternatives for windbreaks if they recommend eradication. Chris Ward, Cleveland County Extension Services, and Tracy Payton Miller could be good resources for this. Thomas will check with Ward and Miller to see if they want to come to the next meeting. Alexander said programs already exist to assist homeowners in eradication. He will bring this information to the next meeting.

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:

TOUR OF LANDSCAPE AWARD NOMINEES AND SELECT WATER'S WORTH IT LANDSCAPE AWARD RECIPIENT

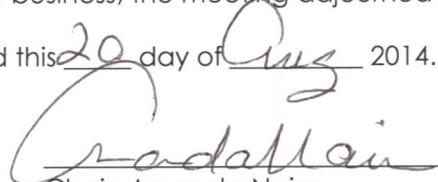
The Board was dismissed to tour the applicants, in a van provided by Thomas. Bonnie Askew's yard, 1025 N. Peters, was unanimously chosen to receive the first award. Thomas will contact her to let her know and invite her to the July 8th Council meeting when she will be recognized. The Board also agreed to select another winner. Deadline for submittals will be July 14th. Previous nominations will be reconsidered for this award.

Item No. 10 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Passed and approved this 20 day of Aug 2014.


Chair, Amanda Nair