

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF November 19, 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 Study Session room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street, November 19, 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) Patricia Edge James Harp Michael Jenkins Aaron Pilat
MEMBERS ABSENT	Holly Armstrong Odette Horton
GUEST PRESENT	Eli Bridge
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Debra Smith, Environmental Svc. Coordinator Charlie Thomas, Capital Projects Engineer

Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Michael Jenkins introduced himself (He is replacing Corson Hirschfield). He has been in Norman since 1988 and manages the Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity Restore. Eli Bridge was also in attendance. He has lived in Norman about eight years and is an Assistant Professor in biology at the University of Oklahoma and works at the Biological Station. His nomination should be on the Council Agenda in November. He will be replacing Darren Alexander. The rest of the Board introduced themselves.

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2014 MEETING

Amanda Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the October 15, 2014 minutes. There being none, Harp made a motion to approve the October 15, 2014 minutes. Edge seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn (Chair) Linda Goeringer (Vice Chair) Patricia Edge James Harp
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Michael Jenkins
Aaron Pilat

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

After discussion, the Board decided to change March 18th to March 25th. The March 18th meeting is during Spring Break and in the past it is common to not have a quorum during spring break. It is important to have a quorum in March so voting can occur for the Poster Contest. Harp made a motion to approve changing the March meeting to March 25th. Edge seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn (Chair)
Linda Goeringer (Vice Chair)
Patricia Edge
James Harp
Michael Jenkins
Aaron Pilat

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS LANDSCAPE AWARD

The competition was explained to Jenkins and Bridge. The Board discussed current nominations. Thomas mentioned there were three from the past that could be candidates. At the last meeting, new applications and/or new pictures of previous applications were requested. Pictures were taken in the spring and the yards may have changed significantly since then. The Board decided to not select a winner this month. Thomas suggested starting again in April or May. Ways were discussed to improve recognition of the award recipients and to possibly give a prize to the winners. A gift certificate from a nursery was suggested. Goeringer made a motion to suspend the landscape award until April 2015. Edge seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn (Chair)
Linda Goeringer (Vice Chair)
Patricia Edge
James Harp
Michael Jenkins
Aaron Pilat

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSS POSTER CONTEST

Goeringer and Horton have taken on the poster contest in the past but others are welcome to help, just let them know. The poster contest was explained to Jenkins and Bridge. Smith will send the rules of the contest from last year to the members that were not with ECAB last year. The rules can be changed if anyone wants to make suggestions. Some suggestions were to have an essay contest, a photography contest, or an electronically designed poster. Ways to display the posters were discussed. Some locations included the library, the Public School Administration Building, Art Galleries and City Hall. More effort will be made to do this next year. If the libraries display the posters, it might be good to divide the city with Berry Street being the dividing line. Schools west of Berry could be displayed at the new library and those east of Berry could be displayed at the main library. Edge made a motion to hold another poster contest. Goeringer seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn (Chair) Linda Goeringer (Vice Chair) Patricia Edge James Harp Michael Jenkins Aaron Pilat
NAYS	None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 7 being:

BRAINSTORM FOR THE BIG EVENT

The Big Event will be held April 11th next year. Nairn mentioned that last year 200 volunteers from OU passed out door hangars with information on water conservation on one side and the fertilizer ordinance on the flip side. Approximately 10,000 door hangers were distributed. The same information could be distributed again. It was suggested that we request more volunteers. Approval will need to be made at a future meeting.

Item No. 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committees

Item No.9. being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Nairn mentioned that the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Award Banquet is tomorrow night since ECAB is a finalist for the government category. The winner will be announced at the banquet. ECAB was nominated for the public education they have done regarding water conservation. The Board asked Smith to invite Ken Komiske to the next meeting to discuss the upcoming water rate hike. In the future, they would like him to talk about water reuse.

Item No. 10 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

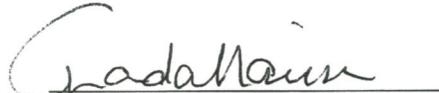
None

Item No11 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Passed and approved this 10 day of Dec 2014.


Chair, Amanda Nairn