

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 21, 2015**

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 on October 21, 2015 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) (left at 7:15 pm)
 Eli Bridge
 Patricia Edge
 James Harp (Left at 6:30 pm)
 Michael Jenkins
 Aaron Pilat

MEMBERS ABSENT Odette Horton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Debra Smith, Environmental Svc. Coordinator
 Charlie Thomas, Capital Projects Engineer
 Bret Scovill, Sanitation Manager

Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE GUESTS

None

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING

Nairn asked if there were any corrections to the September 16, 2015 minutes. Edge made a motion to approve the September 16, 2015 minutes. Pilat seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Amanda Nairn
 Linda Goeringer
 Eli Bridge
 Patricia Edge
 James Harp
 Michael Jenkins
 Aaron Pilat

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

RECYCLING DISCUSSION WITH BRET SCOVILL, SANITATION MANAGER

Scovill introduced himself to the board and explained that he has been a garbage man for 31 years. He has been with the City of Norman since January. Scovill gave two presentations (attached). One discussed cleaning up and recycling the cubic yard containers. The other explained recycling results in Norman and what it costs the City to recycle. Scovill stated the public needs to be educated to reduce their waste. People need to think about what they purchase. He also stated that Norman has been having a problem with contaminated recycling. A utility bill insert is being sent out to explain contamination and what should and shouldn't be recycled. Republic Services (recycling contractor) is going to pay for this. It was suggested to share this information with anyone that turns on their water service. It was also suggested to send this out in utility bills annually. Goeringer said door hangers would be a good idea. Information on one side of the door hanger could share information on recycling (including contamination), reducing waste and buying recycling products. Board members would like to see recycling on campus corner during game-days. Scovill will talk to Karen Sonntag to see if her group can do this. Scovill said Earth Rebirth is making a video to help with this.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS KEEP OKLAHOMA BEAUTIFUL

The board decided to go ahead and plan a litter clean-up in November. Volunteers would be recruited to help with this. Areas to be cleaned were discussed. Two possible locations were Imhoff and Constitution and Robinson Street. Nairn and Smith will locate an area. Smith will contact Boy Scouts and OU for volunteers. Edge made a motion to hold the litter clean-up November 21. Goeringer seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn Linda Goeringer Eli Bridge Patricia Edge Michael Jenkins Aaron Pilat
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSS PUBLIC EDUCATION

Smith mentioned that the Big Event is being held in April. She asked if the board was interested in doing this again. The board said they would like to arrange the distribution of door hangers. These could be made with recycling information and reducing waste on one side. The other side could include compost information. Scovill said the transient population seems to be the biggest problem with recycling. The information on the mailer he is having sent out in the utility bills can be used for the door hanger. Nairn would like to know if this effort is successful and asked Scovill to let us know. The topic for a door hanger will be discussed at the next month's meeting. Scovill says the citizens are recycling as much as they can so he believes the door hangers should focus on contamination.

Item No. 7 being

SELECT WATER'S WORTH IT LANDSCAPE AWARD RECIPIENT

Jenkins and Nairn both nominated the Spirit Shop. Jenkins made a motion nominate the Spirit Shop as the Water's Worth It Landscape Award Winner. Goeringer seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Amanda Nairn Linda Goeringer Eli Bridge Patricia Edge Michael Jenkins Aaron Pilat
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Nairn is concerned because there is a lack of nominations. Discussion to increase nominations will occur at future meetings.

Item No. 8 being:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Smith said she received information regarding a grant from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. It needs to involve education for K-12. It could possibly be used for the Poster Contest. Smith will pursue this. Bridge also stated that he had a grant he has already received. He is teaching a multi-disciplinary course and they will give a group of students a project of a real life environmental problem in the community. He would like suggestions of a problem they can work on. This will begin next semester.

Item No. 9 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

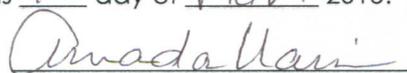
None

Item No. 10 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Passed and approved this 14 day of Nov. 2015.


Chair, Amanda Nairn