

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF
December 14, 2022**

Item No. 1 being:

ROLL CALL

The Environmental Control Advisory Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in a Special Session at the City of Norman, in the Executive Conference Room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street on December 14, 2022, 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 Dane Heins (Chair)
 Bob Nairn
 Deborah Cretsinger
 Inger Giuffrida
 Lainey Phillips
 Nathalie Rocher

MEMBERS ABSENT Sara Bondy
 Benjamin Baranowski

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Michele Loudenback, Enviro. & Sustainability Manager
 Rachel Croft, Utilities Staff Engineer
 Jerry Gates, Environmental Services Assistant Manager

Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS

None

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022 MEETING

Cretsinger made a motion to approve the November 16, 2022 minutes. Philips seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Dane Heins (Chair)
 Bob Nairn
 Deborah Cretsinger
 Inger Giuffrida
 Lainey Phillips
 Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSSION OF JCI SUSTAINABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDING SOLUTIONS FURTHER ACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF ANY FURTHER ACTIONS.

Loudenback spoke with the attorneys and stated that it is legal but that they are very anti-performance contracts right now being that they have been burned on several lately. Loudenback spoke with Facilities and they said that they are already looking at and implementing the things that JCI suggested. Nobody see the problem with a study session if they would like to do that. Philips feels that it would be worth them looking into. It was asked if entering a study session would be considered an endorsement from them, Loudenback said that it could be. After further discussion it was determined that they are hard selling and trying to get it out in front of every department to see who will bite first. While they are not yet at a spot to endorse anything they would like to know more details regarding it. Heins suggested that they write the recommendation in a way that it doesn't come off as an endorsement. Cretsinger agrees that if we do anything that they have to make it clear that it is not an endorsement. Croft explained to everyone that a lot of the department heads don't even know what the Mayors climate agreement is so if we were to be able to get this in front of them then maybe that can spark something in them to go a little "greener" within the city itself. Giuffrida is concerned how the "interest" could be perceived as a recommendation and that before they kick it up that they make sure they truly want to kick it up. Cretsinger and Philips stated that they could approach it as a sustainability issue that they might want to consider listening to. Loudenback said that they could also approach with their building audit that JCI suggested they do, meaning that they take it to council. Request information to further the recommendations for the mayor's climate agreement so we recommend that we move forward with the study session. That then puts it in their hands. Gates questioned what was in it for JCI. Everyone stated that it would be a lot of money. Giuffrida stated that they could speak with another city that has used them. Loudenback stated that she spoke with someone from Stillwater and that they are working with them but not as extensively as they made it sound. They are working with traffic lights for them. Someone is supposed to get back with her after the holidays. It was discussed and they will table the vote till they hear back from Stillwater.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSSION, PLANNING AND/OR APPROVAL FOR WATER'S WORTH IT POSTER CONTEST RULES AND IMPLEMENTATION.

Philips will get with her contact and see who the point of contact would be for each school to hand out the flyers. Changes were discussed regarding the flyer and will be made for distribution.

Giuffrida made a motion to approve \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place, \$50 for 3rd place prizes in each category, \$300 for the each teacher whose student wins 1st place as well as \$50 for the first 30 participating teachers. Cretsinger seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

Student Poster Contest Prizes:

	K - 1st	2nd - 3rd	4th - 5th
1st Place	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
2nd Place	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75
3rd Place	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50

Teacher Prizes:

	\$/each
First 30 Participating Teachers	\$ 50
Teacher of 1st Place Winners	\$ 300
Total:	\$ 2,400

GRAND PRIZE WINNER WILL GET THEIR DESIGN PRINTED ON THE EARTDAY 2023 T-SHIRTS

Total:	\$ 675	Grand Total: (Teachers/Students)	\$ 3,075
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YEAS Dane Heins (Chair)
 Bob Nairn
 Deborah Cretsinger
 Inger Giuffrida
 Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSSION, PLANNING AND/OR APPROVAL FO THE BIG EVENT ACTIVITIES.

Cretsinger stated that she likes the clean-up events. Heins said that since there were no other ideas they might as well do a clean-up then. Giuffrida let everyone know that the Big Event does other events throughout the year as well. Including the fall and that they could use them for other events. That if they like the idea there is a pretty good chance that they would designate some young people to help out with the pollinator garden as well. Parks were suggested for the clean-up. Loudenback said that the right of way along 12th could use some TLC as well. Majority suggested Sutton Park. Heins said that he would like to spread it out this year to at least one other location. It was later suggested to do a sting of parks from Rock Creek to William Morgan. Lunch will be provided.

Giuffrida made a motion to approve a clean-up along the Brookhaven Creek watershed Area for the big event as well as see if they can fix the boardwalk. Cretsinger seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Dane Heins (Chair)
 Bob Nairn
 Deborah Cretsinger
 Inger Giuffrida
 Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 7 being:

DISCUSSION, PLANNING AND/OR APPROVAL OF ECAB'S INVOLVEMENT WITH INSTALLATION OF A POLLINATOR GARDEN AT THE NEW SANITATION BUILDING.

Loudenback explained that this will be a blank canvas that ECAB can design, plan and plant that is located in front of the brand new sanitation building on North base as well as a shaded area on the backside that Scovill will pay for it as well as maintain it. They will also get recognition as well.

Cretsinger made a motion to approve. Rocher seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Dane Heins (Chair)
 Bob Nairn
 Deborah Cretsinger
 Inger Giuffrida
 Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 8 being:

DISCUSSION OF MAYOR'S CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Rocher stated in the miscellaneous discussion that issuing no mow zones could be part of the recommendations for the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement.

Item 1: Inventory Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Ben, Intern
Item 2: Adopt and enforce land use policies	Nathalie, Sara, Bob, Inger
Item 3: Promote alternative transportation	Deb
Item 4: Renewable energy and energy efficiency	Nathalie, Sara, Inger
Item 5: Sustainable building practices	Ben, Sara
Item 6: Municipal fleet vehicles	Dane
Item 7: Efficiencies at water and wastewater plants	Tom, Bob
Item 8: recycling in city operations and community	Sara, Deb, Laney
Item 9: Maintain healthy urban forests	Nathalie, Deb, Laney, Inger
Item 10: public education of environmental disciplines	Dane, Inger

Item No. 9 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Rocher asked who puts the agenda together because she was curious how to get something added. Rocher wanted to get back to the spraying program being that the City does spray herbicides and pesticides. Rocher asked how they could evaluate if it is even necessary to spray those chemicals and have an outside person or someone knowledgeable looking into it? An evaluation of the spraying program that the city departments utilize. Cretsinger stated that they already have all the information from them and thought that they had all agreed that they were being very responsible on how they were utilizing them. Loudenback stated that in the past ECAB

sent a letter to the interim city manager and she responded but that she didn't know and would find out. Cretsinger said she would also ask her sister in law who has a doctorate in this area. Croft asked her to see if she would like to come give a presentation to the ECAB members. It was also brought up about issuing no mow zones.

Item No. 10 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

Item No. 11 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Passed and approved this 18 day of 01 2022.³



Chair, Dain Heins
Nathalie Rocher