

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF April 20, 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 April 20, 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) Sara Bondy Thomas Fightmaster Nathalie Rocher Deborah Cretsinger Jim Griffith Nathalie Rocher
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MEMBERS ABSENT	Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair) Lainey Phillips
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Rachel Croft, Utilities Staff Engineer Michele Loudenback, Enviro. & Sustainability Manager Jerry Gates, Environmental Services Assistant Manager Michelle Chao, Stormwater Program Specialist
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Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS

Jason Murphey, City of Norman, Stormwater Division

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 9, 2022 MEETING

Cretsinger made a motion to approve the March 9, 2022 minutes. Griffith seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Dane Heins (Chair) Sara Bondy Thomas Fightmaster Deborah Cretsinger
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Jim Griffith
Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF WATER'S WORTH IT POSTER CONTEST WINNERS' AWARDS PURCHASES

Loudenback started off by recalling the discussion from last week about purchasing gift cards instead of finding donations. There were two teachers that were winners as well as 6 students. The ideas that were suggested was gift cards, west wood passes for the kids or self-care for the teachers. The other idea was gift card for ice cream shop. The grand prize winner is the design on the shirt as well as two shirts. Cretsinger said that her issue with the Westwood pass is that falls more on the parent and the ice cream is a good idea. Rocher said she was thinking more like gift certificate to a local kid friendly place, and she doesn't like the idea of the ice cream. After further discussion it was agreed that the students would get \$50 gift cards. Rocher suggested that the teachers get a spa gift card and or Copelin's. Fightmaster suggested a Visa card. It was then discussed to keep the gift cards local for support. Cretsinger doesn't want to restrict the teachers on where or how to spend their money. Bondy asked if the other 1st place winner would get something additional than just the gift card? It was suggested that possibly give them more money on their card. \$75 for first place and \$50 for the rest. Also suggested to include a list of local businesses that accept the gift card and remind them to ask if they offer a teacher discount at the store. Rocher asked how much for the teacher gift card and Loudenback reminded her that she originally said \$100 for spa or visa or Copelin's. It was decided a \$300 visa gift card for the teachers. Loudenback reiterated what was discussed: \$75 for each first-place winner in the poster contest. \$50 for second and third place and \$300 per teacher on a visa gift card.

Griffith made a motion to approve the \$75 gift card for each first-place winner in the poster contest. \$50 for second and third place and \$300 per teacher on a visa gift card.
Cretsinger seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS Dane Heins (Chair)
 Sara Bondy
 Thomas Fightmaster
 Deborah Cretsinger
 Jim Griffith
 Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSSION OF BIG EVENT

Loudenback said that it was a lot of fun and had quite a few helpers and they stayed the entire time. They were there till 2:30 and picked up about 200 lbs. of trash and they are excited to work again next year. A huge success.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSSION OF ARTFUL INLETS ACTIVITY STATIONS AND LOGISTICS

Loudenback told Bondy that she brought the game so they could check it out at the end of the meeting. Cretsinger wanted to remind Loudenback that they have all the yard-by-yard stuff that she needs for them to bring. Cretsinger told everyone that she and her granddaughter started making seed bombs and in doing so she thought it would be more fun to just do the seed bombs at the event so people could make their own and choose their own seeds to plant. Everyone liked that idea. The calendars were passed around for everyone to look at and they all really liked them. Artists will be there around 9 and Loudenback will be there around 8. If the wind becomes an issue, then there will not be any shade tents provided. Rocher will not be able to attend. Bondy asked if they had any brochures, or anything left over on hazardous waste or composting. Loudenback said yes and she is happy to bring all the educational material she can. Loudenback also informed everyone that their uniforms are on the table.

Item No. 7 being:

DISCUSSION OF EARTH DAY FESTIVAL AND SIGN-UP FOR VOLUNTEERS

They are not expecting to get rained out and are hoping to still have the event. Loudenback explained that the planners will be there at ten, but they are asking the volunteers and exhibitors to start bringing in their stuff at 11 and have their stuff set up by 11:30 so they are ready for people to show up early. Loudenback has put the ECAB table with the environmental services table so that whoever is working the Environmental table can also help with working ECAB's. Cretsinger asked if they needed to do a sign up and Loudenback said that would be awesome. Cretsinger said that she can be there some of the time but that she has a lot going on Sunday. Shift is noon to 5 with break down at 5:30. Cretsinger signed up for the 2-3 shift. Fightmaster signed up for the noon-2 shift. Bondy signed up for the 4-5 shift. Croft said she would be there from 11-2. Loudenback will send out a sign-up sheet for everyone's reference. Heins told everyone thank you. Loudenback said yes, thank you and she knows it is a big-time commitment.

Item No. 8 being:

DISCUSSION OF SPRAYING PROGRAMS IN NORMAN

Loudenback talked to the city groups, and they are working together to provide answers to our questions so we should be getting those by our next meeting. She has talked to OU, and they are willing to fill it out but have not said when and Norman public schools. Bondy said that someone from the systems admin building drove by while she was mowing and asked if they could dig up some of her flowers. Loudenback said that she thinks the thing with the public schools right now is that they are super busy. She hopes to hear from them in May but regardless she is going to reach out to them again in May.

Item No. 9 being:

DISCUSSION OF MAYOR'S CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION

Loudenback explained that this is one of ECAB's big pieces that they do, and Clark reached out to the current mayor and asked when they were going to look at it again. It was stated in earlier recommendations that ECAB would review the mayor's climate change agreement every couple of years, and it has been 4 so it is something they need to start thinking about. Heins explained to everyone that this will be a lot of work. He explained that there are a bunch of different items related to the environment. Heins said that when they had done it this last time it had been fifteen years. He explained that they evaluate all the different points and basically split it all up so that everybody had a couple of items and that is probably how they should do it again but for them to really get that going everybody needs to have eyes on the document. Loudenback explained that this time shouldn't be as much work as last time because really what they want to do is just update what has happened in the last few years and there have been some really cool things. There shouldn't have to be as much deep diving as the previous one. Loudenback will gladly email it to everyone, and they will probably need a full group when they are forming the subcommittee. It was explained that the policy had been written and tied directly into this there was a grant received from ACOG to put in EV chargers put into the facility and Loudenback has the design concept as well. Rocher asked about the spraying and if it was included in this and Loudenback said yes, it is. Rocher said that they should tie them in together meaning they can make a recommendation for the climate agreement in regard to the questions being asked about what everyone is using to spray. They have to decide what stays, what changes, what they want to add. Griffin asked if the metro gas CNG service station was part of the previous agreement. Loudenback said that when it was originally done, yes it was part of it because that led to an alternative fuel policy, they went heavy on the CNG, but it also required them to look into the EV which is why the city is now looking into purchasing some EV vehicles. Loudenback explained that this really does help drive policy. Croft included that there are solar panels up at the water reclamation facility and the water treatment plant. Heins told everyone that once Loudenback sends the agreement out that they should review it and it will give them a good history of what had been done. He asked for them to make a couple of notes that they wouldn't mind following up on and/or researching. He explains that it is their job to explain what has been done for the previous recommendations and to come up with new recommendations.

Item No. 10 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Loudenback explained that the company they were using could not find steel bottles that are less than 17 dollars apiece. After further discussion it may have just been that lady's distributor and they will look into the other company to see what their prices are. Loudenback said that she would bring that information back for the next meeting. Croft pulled up some images for everyone to view. Fightmaster explained that he was walking his dog and he ran across an excavation. He explains that the city dug the hole, tried to repair the water line, couldn't repair it so they filled it all back in, put gravel in the guy's driveway and the dirt was a quarter of an inch thick and asked where it went. He explains that it went into the storm drain. His concern was the dirt in the street would be down the storm drain which goes into the creek. Fightmaster explained that he has seen situation like this all over town, contractors, and city crews alike. Fightmaster explained that his question is more, do they want to do something about it. Rocher asked if it was harmful, and Loudenback said yes it absolutely is. Sediment is the largest pollutant in stormwater in the US. 55% of the streams are impaired because of the stormwater. Loudenback tried to explain that they have several breaks that they aren't able to get to as quickly as they would like to. That in emergency situations if you see something like this then call the action center because they will

send that complaint to the department for whom its relevant. He said that contractors are tearing up the sidewalks at his doctor's office and the lawn guys are blowing the clippings into the street. It was explained that is a code violation. Loudenback explained that they have specific door hangers specifically for that issue that they pass out and you get so many chances before they involve enforcement. She reiterated that you have to call the action center on those issues. If they aren't being called in, then they don't know. It was asked about spraying a yard that is next to a creek. Loudenback said that the way you deal with that issue is, if it has gotten outside the lawn and into the creek or creek line then absolutely call the action center. If, however they are spraying the lawn, you can call but they will treat it as permits, certified applicators so they may not turn it in as an issue. Loudenback told Rocher to call it in because maybe the applicators are not certified. You don't know until you call it in. Murphy explained that the action center actually gets more done than anything else because when that email gets sent out it goes to the city manager. The head boss of the division, it goes to everyone. They received some calls that are ridiculous but because it was called into the action center, they want resolve immediately. He also explained that when they email a call in and include a picture it helps them to do their job better because all eyes are on it. Fightmaster asked if this was included or should be included in the agreement and Loudenback said that the best bet would be to call the action center when you see it or maybe write a letter expressing your concern. Loudenback explained that the enforcement goes to the homeowner because they are the one contracting out. Murphy said that on top of handing out the homeowner the citation that they are sending out cease and desist letters to the contractors as well and that has gotten the developers and contractors more on board and keeps them in compliance like they should be.

Item No. 11 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

Item No. 12 being:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Passed and approved this 15 day of June 2022.


Chair, Dain Heins