

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF  
October 19, 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 October 19, 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.

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| MEMBERS PRESENT | Dane Heins (Chair)<br>Sara Bondy<br>Deborah Cretsinger<br>Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)<br>Benjamin Baranowski<br>Bob Nairn (6:20)<br>Thomas Fightmaster<br>Nathalie Rocher |
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| MEMBERS ABSENT | Lainey Phillips |
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| STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT | Michele Loudenback, Enviro. & Sustainability Manager<br>Rachel Croft, Utilities Staff Engineer<br>Jerry Gates, Environmental Services Assistant Manager<br>Jason Murphy, Stormwater Program Manager |
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Item No. 2 being:

**INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS**

Brett Scovill, Solid Waste Manager

Item No. 3 being:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 MEETING**

Myers made a motion to approve the September 21, 2022 minutes. Bondy seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

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| YEAS | Dane Heins (Chair)<br>Sara Bondy<br>Deborah Cretsinger<br>Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)<br>Benjamin Baranowski<br>Bob Nairn |
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Thomas Fightmaster  
Nathalie Rocher

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

**DISCUSSION OF RECYCLING PROGRAM WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, BRETT SCOVILL, SOLID WASTE MANAGER**

Scovill discussed the recycling program for the City of Norman. He stresses that refusal to purchase is key. It starts at the point of purchase and we should think before we buy. He explains that he is working on creating a 5<sup>th</sup> drop center at North Base. He says that we are doing a good job of recycling but we can do better. Scovill was asked if the schools do any recycling and he said yes, on a volunteer basis. Also stresses to ask for recyclables when out to eat as well instead of plastics or Styrofoam, from straws to to-go's and that it doesn't hurt to ask.

Item No. 5 being:

**DISCUSSION OF MAYOR'S CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION**

Rocher created a document with her findings and will email it to Loudenback for further distribution. Cretsinger said that the Tree board does an essay contest with the schools now. Their new way to educate the students. Cretsinger asked about the tree planting and who is responsible for watering them. They stated that they have removed some dead ones and replanted but that it is mainly up to the residence to take care of. She said that there has been some progress and mentioned the "right tree in the right place" as well as the passing of the tree ordinance which includes permission required to cut down a tree. The ordinance was questioned so Croft pulled up the ordinance for everyone to read. Cretsinger said that their education outreach is improving. They will be doing a demonstration planting at some point as well. They are developing an Urban Forestry Plan and in the future they want to do an updated tree survey to inventory the trees. They are also trying to push the plan for a variety of certain tree types and the natives. Loudenback stated that she gave the ICLEI for the Greenhouse Gas Emissions to the intern that is going to help update it.

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| Item 1: Inventory Greenhouse Gas Emissions             | Ben, Courtney        |
| Item 2: Adopt and enforce land use policies            | Nathalie, Sara, Bob  |
| Item 3: Promote alternative transportation             | Deb, Courtney        |
| Item 4: Renewable energy and energy efficiency         | Nathalie, Sara       |
| 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 |
| Item 10: public education of environmental disciplines | Dane, Courtney       |

Cretsinger asked what the goal was for finalizing this discussion. Loudenback explained that in the past they had different committees and once all the information was collected the committees

would meet and discuss how they wanted the information presented as well as any new recommendations they would like to make, compiled it, and brought it to ECAB for further discussion and approval by way of voting.

Item No. 6 being:

### **DISCUSSION OF SPRING PLANS**

Loudenback mentioned some things coming up that they need to consider:

- James Harp Environmental Volunteer Award
  - Need to solicit nominations
  - Put it out in January with a March deadline
  - Loudenback will bring updated forms to the next meeting so they can vote on getting it out
- Earth Day
  - Does the board want to do a big event or a clean-up event
- Poster Contest for Earth Day
  - Loudenback asks the board to consider each person taking on a school or two and deliver applications in person for more encouragement this year.
- Green Norman EcoMonth
  - What would the board like to do or see take place this year
  - Usually runs from mid-March to mid-May
- Recycling campaign with focus on contamination
  - OKRA conference had mentioned a program that they have where they help a city reduce the amount of contamination in recycling.

Loudenback said to just be thinking about things and/or initiatives that they would like to do. Board will marinate on ideas for further spring plans.

Item No. 7 being:

### **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Loudenback mentioned some activities in the next couple of months that are coming up.

- October 30<sup>th</sup> is the Lake Thunderbird workshop and cleanup event
- November 12<sup>th</sup> is a Styrofoam collection and densification at the HHW Facility

Heins stated that he was contacted by Caleb for sustainable infrastructure from Johnson Controls. He is currently working with the city of Stillwater to increase efficiency within the city. Heins explained that they come in and analyze how "efficient" the city is being and supply a "how to" of improving it. They would like to come and talk to ECAB and if they decide to have him they can bring him in for the November meeting to discuss what they are currently doing in Stillwater and what they could be doing in Norman and if they are interested how they could be involved. Heins will send Loudenback the info so she can send him an invite.

Item No. 8 being:

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

Item No. 9 being:

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Passed and approved this 16 day of Nov 2022.

  
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Chair, Dain Heins