

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES OF January 18, 2023

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 January 18, 2023, 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	Sara Bondy Bob Nairn Benjamin Baranowski Inger Giuffrida Lainey Phillips (5:36 p.m.) Nathalie Rocher (Vice Chair)
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MEMBERS ABSENT	Dane Heins (Chair) Deborah Cretsinger
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Michele Loudonback, Enviro. & Sustainability Manager Rachel Croft, Utilities Staff Engineer Jerry Gates, Environmental Services Assistant Manager Michelle Chao, Stormwater Program Specialist (Virtual)
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Item No. 2 being:

#### INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS

None

Item No. 3 being:

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING

Bondy made a motion to approve the December 14, 2023 minutes. Rocher seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Sara Bondy Bob Nairn Benjamin Baranowski Inger Giuffrida Nathalie Rocher
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

**NOMINATE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2023**

Heins was nominated to continue as Chair. Baranowski made a motion to approve. Bondy seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Sara Bondy Bob Nairn Benjamin Baranowski Inger Giuffrida Nathalie Rocher
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Rocher was nominated for Vice Chair. Baranowski made a motion to approve. Bondy seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Sara Bondy Bob Nairn Benjamin Baranowski Inger Giuffrida Nathalie Rocher
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NAYS	None
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The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Item No. 5 being:

**DISCUSSION, PLANNING AND/OR APPROVAL FOR ECAB'S JAMES O. HARP ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION AWARD.**

Philips suggested sending out the nomination requests in the inserts only this year to see what kind of response they receive and depending on that response, they can reevaluate the coming years if need be. The award will be a plaque that will be given at the EarthDay festival as well as recognition in council. Last year's winner will be announced at Earth Day as well as this year's winner.

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

YEAS	Sara Bondy Bob Nairn Benjamin Baranowski Inger Giuffrida
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Nathalie Rocher  
Lainey Phillips

NAYS     None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 6 being:

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

Loudenback let everyone know that Stillwater has been unresponsive to their efforts. Parks will be putting out an RFP in the next six months as they are working to get a facility assessment done and are willing to include the sustainability and energy efficiency piece for ECAB if the board is willing to recommend and support them. JCI approached Parks and Parks declined. Parks will not be going through JCI, they will proceed as their own entity. Parks would like ECAB's support to make their request stronger.

Giuffrida made a motion to approve reaching out to JCI and let them know to go through the proper channels and if they wish, they can make a formal proposal according to the guidelines. Motion includes adding support for parks. Baranowski seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS     Sara Bondy  
             Bob Nairn  
             Benjamin Baranowski  
             Inger Giuffrida  
             Nathalie Rocher  
             Lainey Phillips

NAYS     None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 7 being:

**DISCUSSION OF SPRING ACTIVITIES FOR GREEN NORMAN ECO MONTH**

Loudenback let everyone know what is on the books so far for stormwater, parks and environmental services. EcoMonth will run from March 25<sup>th</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup> this year. There will be a clean-up event at the HHW facility to kick off the event as well as a clean-up at LEAF. Hoping to also do Styrofoam at the same time, just waiting for a confirmation. There will also be a rain barrel distribution event at the Lindsey yard. Big event clean up at William Morgan Park and repair on the boardwalk. Clean up at Colonial Estates. Artful Inlet installations. Earth day clean up at Reaves Park. Earth day, which will have a rain option this year so we won't have to cancel the event. The music festival and ending it with an e-waste event. Loudenback will get a quote for the stainless steel cups Bondy asked about. She also asked about the booths that they set up at the artful inlets last year.

Item No. 8 being:

#### DISCUSSION OF MAYOR'S CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Loudenback will send out the report and recommendations for items 2, 4 & 9. Rocher suggested having a draft deadline due in March for all subcommittees. The intern has already put in all the OEC and OGE bill and working on getting her the other information she needs.

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

Philips stated that in regards to the poster contest, she thinks this will be a good way to do it going forward. She got in touch with some of the teachers and they suggested that the best way to get the information out is to skip district and go straight to the schools and the best way to do that is to get through to the Gifted and Talented (GT) teachers. Philips already has an email out to every single GT teacher in the elementary Norman Public schools with the flyer attached. She thought that ECAB could take the flyers physically to the schools and ask the office to deliver to the GT teachers at each location. She also stated that going forward they can just go to [normanpublicschools.org](http://normanpublicschools.org) and go to the staff directory and look for the GT teachers to keep the list updated. This will make it much easier for them in regards to having an "in". Philips created a list and put her name next to the schools that she could very easily get to and is willing to take on more but thought that they could divvy them up in the group. Philips got in touch with someone at the school and they got the information out to all the GT teachers. Every one offered up which schools they would be willing to distribute to (table below).

Name	School	Name	School
Lainey	Adams	Bob	Kennedy
Lainey	Cleveland	Sara	McKinley
Lainey	Eisenhower	Sara	Monroe
Lainey	Washington	Ben	Lincoln
Inger	Director of GT	Ben	Madison
Inger	Jackson	Nathalie	Reagan
Inger	Lakeview	Nathalie	Terra Verde
Inger	Roosevelt	Nathalie	La Monde
Inger	Truman	Nathalie	Montessori
Inger	Wilson	Nathalie	Rose Rock
Inger	All Saints		
Bob	Jefferson		

Item No. 10 being:

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

Item No. 11 being:

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2023.

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Chair, Dain Heins