



CITY OF NORMAN, OK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Development Center, Conference Room, 225 N. Webster Avenue, Norman,
OK 73069

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

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ROLL CALL

1. PRESENT

Board member Debra Cretsinger
Board member Inger Giuffrida
Board member Lainey Phillips
Board member Bob Nairn
Board member Nathalie Rocher
Board member Sara Bondy
Board member Debbie Smith
Board Member Eileen Grzybowski

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Guest:

Nancy Oconnell, Citizen

Staff:

Rachel Croft, Water Treatment Plant Manager
Jerry Gates, Environmental Services Assistant Manager
Michele Loudenback, Environmental & Sustainability Manager Specialist
Katrina Boteler, Storm Water Inspector
Brett Scovill, Solid Waste Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Day Proclamation will be Tuesday. Bondy, Heins and Croft will attend.

MINUTES

2. Motion to approve January's minutes made by Board member Smith, Seconded by Board member Bondy.
Voting Yea: Board member Cretsinger, Board member Phillips, Board member Nairn, Board member Rocher, Board Member Grzybowski

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. DISCUSS RECYCLING, PRESENTATION BY BRETT SCOVILL

Scovill announced that the City of Norman has found a way to take over the Recycling which will begin August 1st. Scovill stated that they are running a 27% contamination rate right now and needs the group to continue to educate the citizens about the importance of recycling and what is considered recyclable. Expressed the importance of reducing the contamination. Another thing that they have available is a bin for compost that will be available for sale to the residents that he is excited about as well. Fertile ground was mentioned in assisting with individual bags in regards to composting. He requested that ECAB promote backyard composting. He also suggested a QR code and insert be created ASAP, with recycling information on it. He appreciates the group and their continued help.

4. DISCUSS THE WATER'S WORTH IT POSTER CONTEST

ECAB to reach out to the schools to get their submission in before the deadline. Grzybowski will reach out to the Science Coordinator who will get it out to all the Elementary School Science teachers. Also discussed that we could put them up in city hall again. Loudenback let the board know that a vendor reached out to us and offered a discount on the EarthDay shirts.

ACTION ITEMS

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ACTIVITIES FOR GREEN NORMAN ECO MONTH

Loudenback explained to the group that she is unable to do Big Event due to staffing issues but can do smaller events. Group discussed volunteering at the Earth Day event and setting up an ECAB booth.

Motion made by Board member Phillips to host a table at Earth Day and volunteer at the event, Seconded by Board member Smith.
Voting Yea: Board member Cretsinger, Board member Rocher, Board member Bondy, Board Member Grzybowski

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE NOMINEE FOR THE JAMES O. HARP AWARD

Motion to approve nominee made by Board member Smith, Seconded by Board member Phillips.
Voting Yea: Board member Cretsinger, Board member Nairn, Board member Rocher, Board member Bondy, Board Member Grzybowski

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT OUTREACH DESIGNATIONS.

Tabled

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Grzybowski passed out a handout and let the board know that the Globe @ Night will take place 3/1-3/10.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

8. TIME: 7:12 pm

Dane Heins