

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF February 15, 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 February 15, 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 Deborah Cretsinger Dane Heins (Chair) Lainey Phillips Nathalie Rocher (Vice Chair)
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MEMBERS ABSENT	Inger Giuffrida Benjamin Baranowski
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Michele Loudenback, Enviro. & Sustainability Manager Jason Murphy, Stormwater Program Manager Jerry Gates, Environmental Services Assistant Manager
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Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS

None

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2023 MEETING

Rocher made a motion to approve the January 18, 2023 minutes. Bondy seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Sara Bondy Bob Nairn Deborah Cretsinger Dane Heins (Chair) Lainey Phillips Nathalie Rocher (Vice Chair)
NAYS	None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ARTFUL INLETS ACTIVITY STATIONS AND APPROVAL OF SAID ACTIVITIES, AS NEEDED

This years will be at Colonial Estates, April 7th and 8th and they are not pushing as hard for stations this year as they did last year. Cretsinger stated that if it were to be set up more like an event then they would be more willing to set up a station. Bondy would like to be there in some way so they can hand out information and talk to people. Loudenback asked if they know what kind of participation they were interested in. Cretsinger said that she wouldn't mind doing the seed bombs again. They could do the game with prizes, handouts and bags.

Heins made a motion to approve hosting a table at the artful inlet installation depending on the amount of participation. Cretsinger seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS	Sara Bondy Bob Nairn Deborah Cretsinger Dane Heins (Chair) Lainey Phillips Nathalie Rocher (Vice Chair)
NAYS	None

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSSION OF QUOTES FOR STAINLESS STEEL BOTTLES AND APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY.

After review of the budget it was discussed that they should go ahead with the bottles. The idea of rain barrels was tossed around which is more detailed under the misc. discussion. Rocher asked what they wanted to do. Philips said that she thinks they should stick with the bottles to get recognition out there and get people thinking about not using plastic. Also, give them sparingly.

Bob suggested a company to reach out to that will engrave the bottles. After further discussion it was decided that this action item will be tabled.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSSION OF SPRAYING PROGRAMS IN NORMAN

Handouts were given out of OU's response. The only one they did not get a response from is Norman Public Schools. It was decided that they would digest the information and come back next month for further discussion.

Item No. 7 being:

DISCUSSION OF MAYOR'S CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Cretsinger is just waiting on information from EMBARK. Heins stated that they are looking to have the first draft of all items next month. Cretsinger said that the only other one she needs is the recycling one (8). Philips stated that maybe they could schedule a meeting to discuss it.

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	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. 8 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

After review of the budget, it was discussed that they should consider other projects like buying some rain barrels to include insured installation. . Philips stated that if they do it, she prefers having a professional who is licensed to do it. Others stated that they would prefer saving the money so they can do other projects.

Bondy stated that Jazz in June had previously mentioned that they did not have recycling and that it would be good to have some bins to hand out for them to use.

Loudenback asked if anyone had contacts to rent or borrow a portable stage. Philips will send her the contact she has.

Philips asked if there was a way to involve the City of Norman with Nairn's group. Nairn explained that it is a network and that he isn't sure that, as a city, that they are ready to become a member of that network because it takes quite a bit of commitment. Rocher asked what kind of commitments. Nairn explained that it isn't a financial commitment but that there is a level of

expertise and willingness to make things happen. Rocher stated that most things start out small and they could do something small and grow into the expertise. Nairn stated that you don't have to be a member of the network to make that happen, just have to be commitment from the city to do these things. He also stated that they have done this for the community. Rocher asked if they were to include more city leaders, to where more city employees are aware of the nature based solutions to where whenever there is a project they will go to the website and see what has been done. That maybe they could get with Pyle and not necessarily join the network but put it on his radar where if there is a project going on in Norman they can visit the website. Nairn stated that Pyle was invited to his event so they are aware that it is going on. Nairn expressed that they are moving in the right direction.

Item No. 9 being:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

Item No. 10 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Passed and approved this 22 day of March 2023.


Chair, Dain Heins