

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF June 15, 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 June 15, 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 Deborah Cretsinger Jim Griffith Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair) Lainey Phillips Benjamin Baranowski
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MEMBERS ABSENT	Nathalie Rocher
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Rachel Croft, Utilities Staff Engineer Jerry Gates, Environmental Services Assistant Manager Jason Murphy, City of Norman, Stormwater Division
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Item No. 2 being:

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS

Jason Murphy, City of Norman, Stormwater Division
Benjamin Baranowski, Meteorologist/Managerial position for a Weather Forensics Company out of Edmond

Item No. 3 being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF May 18, 2022 MEETING

Griffith made a motion to approve the May 18, 2022 minutes. Cretsinger seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Dane Heins (Chair) Sara Bondy Thomas Fightmaster
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Deborah Cretsinger
Jim Griffith
Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)
Lainey Phillips
Benjamin Baranowski

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Item No. 4 being:

DISCUSSION OF PARTICIPATION IN POLLINATOR WEEK AND APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION

The proclamation was passed around for everyone's review as well as a list of the events for Pollinator Week. Myers asked what kind of participation they were thinking. Heins said he was thinking just to put their name on it but that there might be other ways to contribute. He stated that they have material and stuff now so if they wanted to set up a booth now that they could. Heins stated that they are smaller events so their participation looks like whatever they want it to. They can slap their name on it and approve as ECAB or they can participate in some of the volunteer events. Cretsinger stated that Loudanback asked if she could bring a group by to show them how the yard by yard works and that might be part of their participation right there. Croft asked if there were specific things on there that they were wanting to do or not wanting to do.

Myers stated that she will be speaking at one of the events so if they wanted she could bring some items to give away. Gates stated that they have several shirts that they could look at giving away. Heins stated that he thinks if anyone is looking at going to any of the events to get with Gates and get some shirts to hand out. It was suggested to Myers that maybe she could ask the audience questions and anyone that answers gets a free shirt. Cretsinger said that if people are going to be picking up trash then they deserve a shirt.

Phillips made a motion to approve the proclamation as written with voluntary board participation as they see fit and giving out ECAB items to participants. Myers 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
Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)
Lainey Phillips
Benjamin Baranowski

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Item No. 5 being:

DISCUSS WATERS WORTH IT PROCLAMATION

Croft is pulling up last year's proclamation for everyone's review. Heins said that he wasn't sure if there was much to do on this item other than approve it. Heins asked if they knew what day it is going to be done at the city council meeting. Croft said she believes it would be June 28th. Heins stated that he isn't sure that there is a reason for them to be there to accept it but asked if there was anyone that would like to go and accept it on behalf of ECAB to speak up. Being that no one spoke up Heins said that was fine and that they will get it at the next meeting.

Cretsinger made a motion to approve the Waters Worth It proclamation. 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
 Jim Griffith
 Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)
 Lainey Phillips
 Benjamin Baranowski

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Item No. 6 being:

DISCUSSION OF MAYOR'S CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION

Myers said that they had discussed picking about 2 or 3 items that they were particularly interested in and then whatever those items were, that would be there subcommittees. Heins suggested getting a sign-up sheet going so people could express their interests. Everyone went through and gave Croft their item numbers that they had an interest in. After everyone chose their item Heins explained that whichever items they chose, they will review them and provide updates as to what had been done since the last time the document was out and make suggestions for updating the item with additions or just continue as is. They can contact the city or Loudonback if they need further direction or contacts regarding their items and go from there. Baranowski asked if there was a deadline for providing their report and Heins said no. Myers asked if they should come up with a tentative goal so they aren't working on this 2 years later. Croft said that was a good idea. Heins said let's take it one meeting at a time and by the next meeting have some updates prepared about what has been done.

Item 1: Inventory Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Ben, Courtney
Item 2: Adopt and enforce land use policies	Nathalie, Sara, Jim
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, Jim

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

Item No. 7 being:

DISCUSSION OF SPRAYING PROGRAMS IN NORMAN

The questionnaires were handed out for Streets and Stormwater. They are still waiting on OU and may or may not get the public school one. Cretsinger asked about the roundup statement that it is still in inventory and used sparingly and she was concerned that just because it is in inventory they are going to use it up. Bondy stated that she did a little research and that she has always been super anti roundup and based on her research she isn't finding that it is very harmful and wants someone to disprove that. Croft said that she also looked it up because you hear all the lawsuits about it causing cancer and stuff but all the data that places have collected have shown that there really isn't any evidence to support that. Croft pulled up the document that was sent out previously and no one received it so she said she would send it out. It was asked, when it is used sparingly, what is its application. Murphy said that he cannot answer that question right now. He knows what Stormwater is using but he hasn't seen anybody use it at all. Baranowski asked what distance they were looking at approximately. Murphy said that he didn't want to throw a number out, that Chao knows the number off hand but that he does not. He also asked how they determine when additional applications are needed. Murphy said that it is typically near bridges. If they see things growing really thick near bridges then they will do inspections to determine if it is needed.

Item No. 8 being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Heins asked if anyone would first like to make a motion to approve moving next month's meeting to the 27th. Griffith made a motion to approve moving next month's meeting to the 27th. 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
 Courtney DeKalb-Myers (Vice Chair)
 Lainey Phillips
 Benjamin Baranowski

NAYS None

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

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 17 day of August 2022.

Dain Heins
Chair, Dain Heins