

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
Nichols Hills Environment, Health & Sustainability Commission
Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 9:30 AM
City Hall, 6407 Avondale Drive
Nichols Hills, OK 73116

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

Attendees Present	Arrived
Commissioner Charis Ward	9:30
Commissioner Carleen Burger	9:31
Chairman Caroline Patton	9:30
Commissioner Andrew Thomas	9:30
Commissioner Allison Petersen	9:33
Commissioner Debbie McKinney	9:30

3. Minutes
 - a. October 23, 2024 Minutes
 - b. January 22, 2025 Minutes

MOTION: Andrew Thomas moved to approve the October 23, 2024 and January 22, 2025 minutes as presented. Carleen Burger seconded the motion.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Andrew Thomas
SECONDER:	Carleen Burger
AYES:	Charis Ward, Carleen Burger, Caroline Patton, Andrew Thomas, Debbie McKinney

4. Items for Separate Vote

- a. Household hazardous waste collection with Republic Services.

Ms. Crystal Bennett, Municipal Manager, and Mr. Pat Connell, General Manager with Republic Services, discussed with the Environment, Health & Sustainability Commission their service for household hazardous waste collection at the resident's home. The charge for this service is \$1.00 per household, per month, with the entire City participating in the program.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Environment, Health & Sustainability Commission decided to defer this item to a future meeting for further discussion before recommending it to the City Council.

- b. Request from Rena Distasio to create a Poop Patrol, a volunteer team to clean dog waste in the parks.

Mrs. Nancy Herzel introduced Mrs. Rena Distasio to the Environment, Health & Sustainability Commission. Mrs. Herzel explained that Mrs. Distasio had contacted her with a complaint and a solution concerning dog poop in the parks. Mrs. Distasio discussed with the Commission creating an ad hoc volunteer group to pickup dog waste on a monthly basis to help prevent health hazards to other animals and people. The volunteer group would educate the offenders, take note of any violators, and contact the City for citations to be issued. They would need volunteer vests, gloves, scoops and bags for picking up the waste, with an estimated startup cost of \$500.00.

MOTION: Carleen Burger moved to recommend City Council approve an ad hoc volunteer group with funding. Debbie McKinney seconded the motion.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Carleen Burger
SECONDER:	Debbie McKinney
AYES:	Charis Ward, Carleen Burger, Caroline Patton, Andrew Thomas, Allison Petersen, Debbie McKinney

c. Earth/Arbor Day discussion.

Chairman Caroline Patton discussed with the Commission renaming The Nichols Hills Earth Day Celebration to Party in the Park - Celebrating Arbor Day. This would be both an education and entertainment event. The Commission discussed entertainment to schedule for the event, such as musical entertainment, food trucks, zoo animals, Okies for Monarchs, bounce pad, and other vendor educational tables. The Commission will create a flier for the event to be held on May 3, 2025 at the Nichols Hills Butterfly Garden from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

MOTION: Debbie McKinney moved to rename the Arbor Day Event to Party in the Park - Celebrating Arbor Day. Andrew Thomas seconded the motion.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Debbie McKinney
SECONDER:	Andrew Thomas
AYES:	Charis Ward, Carleen Burger, Caroline Patton, Andrew Thomas, Allison Petersen, Debbie McKinney

5. Announcements

6. Adjournment

Chairman Caroline Patton adjourned the meeting.

Chairman
City of Nichols Hills, Oklahoma

City Manager
City of Nichols Hills, Oklahoma

Amanda Copeland

City Clerk

City of Nichols Hills, Oklahoma