

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the
Nichols Hills Environment, Health and Sustainability Commission
Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 9:30 AM
City Hall, 6407 Avondale Drive
Nichols Hills, OK 73116

**Original agenda filed in the Office of the City Clerk at 1:04 PM on
the 18th day of August, 2023.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Charis Ward		Present	
Nancy Herzel		Present	
Carleen Burger		Absent	
Allison Petersen		Present	
Caroline Patton		Present	
Andrew Thomas		Present	

3. Minutes

- a. EHS Minutes - May 24, 2023

MOTION: Petersen moved to approve the May 24, 2023 minutes as presented. Ward seconded the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Allison Petersen
SECONDER:	Charis Ward
AYES:	Ward, Herzel, Petersen, Patton, Thomas
ABSENT:	Burger

4. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action:
 - a. Presentation regarding rain barrels by Sarah Ortega, Edmond Water Quality Specialist.

Ms. Sarah Ortega, Project Coordinator with the City of Edmond, Oklahoma, talked with the Commissioners on the Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Distribution Event that the City of Edmond sponsors

each year.

Ms. Ortega explained how the rain barrels are purchased by the individual online and are picked up by the individual on a specific date. As of April 20, 2022 the City of Edmond has distributed over 1,000 rain barrels.

Ms. Ortega stated that Central Oklahoma Stormwater Alliance, Inc. is a wonderful resource to gain knowledge on starting a rain barrel event.

b. Discussion regarding 2023 Recycling Event.

Chairman Nancy Herzel discussed the upcoming Hazardous Household Waste & Recycling Event, September 23, 2023, from 9:00 am to noon, to be held at the corner of Avondale and Sherwood. Chairman Herzel distributed flyers to the Commissioners to distribute two weeks prior to the event at the area businesses.

c. Butterfly Garden update.

Chairman Nancy Herzel gave an update on the Butterfly Garden. Paul Mays with Blue House Urban Farm, LLC has worked on the garden and will be planting more plants once it cools down.

d. Schedule of 2023 Regular Nichols Hills Environmental, Health, and Sustainability Commission meetings.

e. Schedule of 2024 Regular Nichols Hills Environmental, Health, and Sustainability Commission meetings.

MOTION: Thomas moved to approve agenda items 4d and 4e as presented. Patton seconded the motion.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Andrew Thomas
SECONDER: Caroline Patton
AYES: Ward, Herzel, Petersen, Patton, Thomas
ABSENT: Burger

- f. Nomination and election of Chairman of Nichols Hills Environment, Health, and Sustainability Commission.

MOTION: Patton nominated Nancy Herzel as Chairman.
Petersen seconded the nomination.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Caroline Patton
SECONDER: Allison Petersen
AYES: Ward, Herzel, Petersen, Patton, Thomas
ABSENT: Burger

- g. Nomination and election of Vice-Chairman of Nichols Hills Environment, Health, and Sustainability Commission.

MOTION: Herzel nominated Andrew Thomas as Vice-Chairman.
Petersen seconded the motion.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Nancy Herzel
SECONDER: Allison Petersen
AYES: Ward, Herzel, Petersen, Patton, Thomas
ABSENT: Burger

5. Announcements

- a. A Walk in the Parks Event.

Chairman Nancy Herzel reported on the upcoming “A Walk in the Parks” event that will be held September 30, 2023, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Residents are invited to explore the app, which can be found on the Nichols Hills App, that takes the user to each public art piece in Nichols Hills and provides the history of that piece.

The launch party will be at Kite Park with free hot dogs, train rides, face painting, interactive art, music, and games.

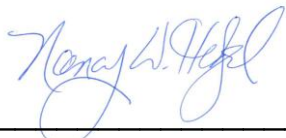
b. Redbud Park project.

Chairman Nancy Herzel reported that the City of Nichols Hills is working on Redbud Park. Mrs. Jamie Farha and Mrs. Nancy Herzel are heading up a campaign to help raise money for the project. The estimated cost is \$1.2 million which will include a major renovation of the channel area, creating a recirculating water fountain, and a trail bridge across the channel connecting to Woods Park. They will be selling bricks for \$2,500.00 for people to put their family name on to create a donor plaza. Donations will be made to the City of Nichols Hills.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Patton moved to adjourn the meeting. Thomas seconded the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caroline Patton
SECONDER:	Andrew Thomas
AYES:	Ward, Herzel, Petersen, Patton, Thomas
ABSENT:	Burger



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