

**GREENBELT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF
May 18, 2015**

The Greenbelt Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for the Regular Meeting on May 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Notice and Agenda of the meeting were posted at 201 W Gray Building A, the Norman Municipal Complex and at www.normanok.gov twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ITEM NO. 1 BEING: CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Mark Nanny called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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ITEM NO. 2 BEING: ROLL CALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Bruce
Donna Brown
Jim McCampbell
Richard McKown
Mark Nanny
Karl Rambo
Lindsay Vidrine
Colin Zink

MEMBERS ABSENT:

George Dotson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Connors, Director of Planning &
Community Development
Wayne Stenis, Planner II
Jolana McCart, Admin Tech IV
Drew Norlin, Subdivision Coordinator

GUESTS:

Don Wood
April Heiple
Scott and Barbara Koenig
Steve Rollins
Jason Cotton

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ITEM NO. 3 BEING: Approval of the Minutes from the April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Chair Nanny pointed out that on page 3, R McKown was shown as absent at the sub-committee meeting but he was present.

Motion by B Bruce for approval as amended; **Second** by K Rambo. All approve.

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ITEM NO. 4 BEING: Review of Greenbelt Enhancement Statements.

a. CONSENT DOCKET

- i. GBC 15-08
Applicant: Scott Koenig
Project: Koenig Acres COS
Location: On the east side of 120th Ave NE approximately 1700 feet north of Tecumseh Road (3929 & 4031 120th Ave NE)
Request: Rural Certificate of Survey
Land Use: Agricultural & Residential

The applicant proposes a Rural Certificate of Survey for a 2 lot subdivision. There are no planned changes to the existing uses. Subject area is approximately 29.97 acres, with the northern lot proposed to being 13.2 acres and the southern lot proposed to being 16.8 acres. A 17-foot roadway easement will be dedicated adjacent to 120th Ave. The Greenway Master Plan does not show any proposed trails or greenways on or adjacent to this property.

W Stenis gave the staff report; Scott and Barbara Koenig were present to answer questions.

Motion by B Bruce to send GBC 15-08 on the Consent Docket forward with no additional comments: **Second** by D Brown. All approve.

- ii. GBC 15-09
Applicant: Don Woods
Project: Coonoo COS, Revised
Location: East side of 72nd Ave East approximately 1600 feet south of State Highway 9 (2715 & 2717 72nd Ave SE)
Request: Rural Certificate of Survey revision
Land Use: Residential

The applicant proposes a revised plat for 2 lots within the existing Coonoo Certificate of Survey plat to relocate the lot line between Tracts 2 and 3 so the lots are more equal in size. (The original COS was approved before the GBC reviewed proposals.) The Greenbelt Master Plan does not identify greenway opportunities.

W Stenis gave the staff report; Don Woods was present to answer questions.

Motion by K Rambo to send Item GBC15-09 on the Consent Docket forward with no additional comments: **Second** by L Vidrine. All approve.

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- iii. GBC 15-10
Applicant: Cedar Lane, LLC
Project: Cedar Lane Addition Phase 2
Location: East of 12th Ave SE on E Cedar Lane Rd (between Cedar Lane & Post Oak Rd, west of the railroad tracks)
Request: Preliminary Plat
Land Use: Residential

The applicant is resubmitting an expired preliminary plat for residential development. Both phases of this project were approved before the GBC reviewed proposals. Phase 1 is currently under development. The phase being presented here was never finalized and has now expired. The project is the same as previously approved. Uses will consist of urban density single family residential in the north portion and large lot residential in the south portion. Detention and open space are included in the center and southeast portions. The subject area is approximately 200.55 acres.

The trail along Cedar Lane shown on the Greenbelt Master Plan is being constructed as part of the Cedar Lane widening project. Sidewalks will connect to the previously dedicated park in Cedar Lane Phase 1 and to the sidewalks adjacent to this project.

W Stenis gave the staff report; Steve Rollins was present to answer questions.

K Rambo expressed concern with the lack of connectivity of the presented plan with existing developments or future developments.

R McKown stated that this development looked more like something from the 80's and not anything like the designs that are currently being developed. He expressed concern that the City Council might be confused if the Commission sent this forward as "a good thing" with the absence of any greenbelts and the detention pond hemmed in by residential lots with no public access.

J McCampbell pointed out there were only 3 ways into the development. He felt the design showed poor planning.

B Bruce stated that the only greenspace shown was the existing park on the west side.

Motion by D Brown to send Item GBC15-10 on the Consent Docket forward with the following comments:

The Greenbelt Commission strongly urges the developer to:

- allow access at the SW corner of the northern portion of the project to connect with future development to the west and
- incorporate the detention pond as a visible, pleasant and useable greenspace which allows pedestrian access.

- The Commission would strongly encourage overall design opportunities to be explored.

Second by R McKown. All approve.

Due to Commissioner Zink and Commissioner Bruce needing to leave the meeting, Item 5 was addressed at this time.

ITEM NO. 5 BEING: Approval of "A Proposal for Developing the City of Norman's Greenbelt Trail System".

Motion by C Zink for approval of the proposed document: **Second** by R McKown seconded. All approve.

Chair Nanny will contact Council Member Jungman to get this on the City Council Community Planning and Transportation Committee agenda. He will also contact Council Member Heiple to include this on the Business and Community Affairs Sub-Committee meeting agenda.

Continued with Consent Docket:

- iv. GBC 15-11
 - Applicant: Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
 - Project: AST Addition Phase 3
 - Location: 775 feet east of the intersection of Little Axe Drive & 156th Ave NE (north side of the road)
 - Request: Preliminary Plat
 - Land Use: Maintenance facility and open space

The applicant proposes a preliminary plat to allow for the construction of a 4,000 square foot maintenance facility east of the existing health center. A driveway will connect the maintenance building to the health center parking lot. The improvement will involve approximately ½ an acre of the site, with the remainder being left as open space.

The Greenway Master Plan shows a high priority trail in alignment with the Little Axe Drive connecting State Highway 9 with Lake Thunderbird. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan does not include trails in this area. Should a trail be desired at a later date, the existing street could be used.

W Stenis gave the staff report; Jason Cotton was present to answer questions.

Motion by K Rambo to send Item GBC 15-11 on the Consent Docket forward with no additional comments: **Second** by D Brown seconded. All approve.

- v. GBC 15-12
Applicant: Food and Shelter, Inc.
Project: Food and Shelter Addition
Location: On the east side of Reed Ave approximately 481 LF south of E Main St.
Request: Preliminary Plat
Land Use: Mixed Use (Office and Housing)

This proposal is for a preliminary plat and rezoning for a mixed use development consisting of an office and 42 cottages. Also included is a dining hall, class room space, emergency shelter and a case management area. The housing area includes both transitional and permanent supportive housing, replacing the current East Main Place which is scheduled for demolition. Walking paths, a play area and a pet area are included in the design.

A vision plan for the Griffin Hospital Campus was recently completed, with the Greenway Master Plan incorporated into this plan.

R McKown recused himself from this item.

W Stenis gave the staff report; April Heiple was present to answer questions.

Motion by K Rambo to send Item GBC 15-12 on the Consent Docket forward with no additional comments: **Second** by D Brown. All approve, with R McKown abstaining.

ITEM NO. 6 BEING: Miscellaneous Comments.

There were none.

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**ITEM NO. 7 BEING: Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Passed and approved this 15th day of June, 2015.

  
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Mark Nanny, Chair

**Proposal for Developing the  
City of Norman's Greenbelt Trail System**

Greenbelt Commission  
City of Norman  
Oklahoma

April 20, 2015

**Purpose:** To identify and propose three essential Greenbelt trails for development that will establish the foundation for a more extensive system of trails through urban and rural Norman. The Greenbelt trail system will connect and provide access to “green” areas such as parks, greenways, natural features and rural areas from points of interest such as schools, shopping and residential areas. This effort will encourage non-motorized travel while providing extensive year-round opportunities for Normanites to interact with nature and the outdoors. All efforts are made to integrate these proposed trails with the bicycle and pedestrian plan in the adopted Transportation Plan (2013), current transportation bond projects, and ODOT Transportation projects (e.g. Highway 9 renovations).

**Overview of proposal:** Three trails are proposed, that when completed, will form a loop around urban Norman and connect to the west shoreline of Lake Thunderbird. In addition, the trails will allow pedestrian travel from central, downtown Norman to Lake Thunderbird, as well as travel southward from central Norman to the southeast quadrant of Norman, south of Highway 9, where there are new and growing neighborhoods. Each trail has a unique theme relating to either Norman’s history, flora and fauna, or its watersheds and aquatic ecosystems, with interactive educational/informational kiosks, plaques and art work highlighting distinctive ecological and historical/cultural features.

***The Little River Trail*** starts at Ruby Grant Park, and extends eastward along the Little River all the way to the west coast of Lake Thunderbird. At Lake Thunderbird, it travels southward along the west shoreline until it connects with the Scissortail Trail at the Alameda Drive Bridge. The theme of the Little River Trail emphasizes aquatic ecosystems, the role of rivers and creeks in central Oklahoma, the importance of the preservation and conservation of watersheds and stream beds, and the need to protect our water resources.

***The Scissortail Trail*** travels along east Highway 9 from SE Norman to the Dave Blue Creek, where it then follows northeast along the Dave Blue Creek towards the west coast of Lake Thunderbird. At Lake Thunderbird, it will go northward along the west shore until it connects with the Little River Trail at the Alameda Drive Bridge. The theme of the Scissortail Trail will focus on the flora and fauna of central Oklahoma, highlighting seasonal wildflowers, wildlife and bird identification and their behaviors and habitats, and the unique ecological features of meadows, creek beds, and forested areas of central Oklahoma.

***The Legacy Trail*** will connect with the current Legacy Trail at its southern terminus just SE of downtown Norman, and continue southward, linking Brandt Park (i.e., OU Duck Pond), apartments and high-density developments along Classen Boulevard with south OU campus and on into the far southeast area of Norman, south of Highway 9. This trail will also connect with the Scissortail Trail, thereby connecting south central and south east Norman with trails to Lake Thunderbird. The Legacy Trail will continue to highlight the history of Norman and central Oklahoma, paying particular attention to the significant historical and cultural contributions of under-represented groups.

### ***The Little River Trail***

The Little River Trail starts at Ruby Grant Park **(1)** and moves east along Franklin Road. The box structure underneath the Franklin Road - I-35 intersection (which is designed to handle 100-year floods) will be used as an access for crossing I-35. This box structure will require modifications to include proper path material, white paint, lighting and other security features.

On the east side of I-35, the Little River Trail will continue eastward along Franklin Road until about 24<sup>th</sup> NW Ave. it'll meander to the southeast along the Little River floodplain until reaching 12<sup>th</sup> NE Ave. The trail will remain along the south side of the Little River to avoid requiring pedestrian bridges. At 12<sup>th</sup> NE Ave., the trail will follow along Franklin Road until 36<sup>th</sup> NE Ave, where it will crossover to the north side of Franklin Road in order to continue along the Little River floodplain.

At points east from 36<sup>th</sup> NE Ave., to past 60<sup>th</sup> NE Ave, the trail will travel along the Little River floodplain. Upon reaching East Westminster Rd. the trail will continue on Lake Thunderbird State Park property until reaching the bridge at Alameda Drive. There is a park area at this terminus, and also, this is the connecting point for The Scissortail Trail **(2)**.

Both Ruby Grant Park and the State Park facilities at the west side of the bridge of Alameda Drive provide parking and restroom facilities. Additional trail entry points are available along Franklin Road between 12<sup>th</sup> NE Ave. to 72<sup>nd</sup> NE Ave. It is recommended that Franklin Road entry points include informative signage and parking.

A connection between the Little River Trail and the George M. Sutton Wilderness Park, Griffin Community Park, High Meadows Park, Northeast Lions Park and Creighton Park is provided by a trail starting at the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> NE Ave. and High Meadows Drive **(3)**. The trail follows High Meadows Drive eastward, turning north at Northcliff Ave. and then east on Abe Martin Drive, and continuing on Creighton Drive, until it reaches 24<sup>th</sup> NE Ave. At 24<sup>th</sup> NE Ave. the trail follows along 24<sup>th</sup> NE Ave, using the sidewalk until reaching just north of East Tecumseh Road, where the trail meanders northeast along the creek bed until reaching the Little River.

Along the west side of Griffin Park there is a trail head for the Legacy Trail **(4)**, thus Griffin Park serves as a connection between this trail and the Little River Trail. Combined, these two trails linked at Griffin Park provide a connection between the Little River Trail and downtown Norman.

### ***The Scissortail Trail***

The Scissortail Trail will begin at the intersection of Highway 9 and 24<sup>th</sup> SE Ave. **(5)** and travel eastward along Highway 9 using the pedestrian/bicycle pathway being built as part of the ODOT upgrade of Highway 9, and will be developed eastward up to 36<sup>th</sup> SE Ave. East of 36<sup>th</sup> SE Ave, the trail will continue along Highway 9 until reaching Dave Blue Creek, located midway between 60<sup>th</sup> SE and 72<sup>nd</sup> SE Aves **(6)**. At the Dave Blue Creek, the trail will turn NE and follow along the Dave Blue Creek floodplain until reaching Lake Thunderbird State Park property. There the trail will turn northward, following the western shoreline until reaching the Alameda Drive Bridge **(2)**. At this point, there is a small park area with parking and restrooms, as well as the connection to the Little River Trail.

A spur along 36<sup>th</sup> SE Ave. between Highway 9 and Cedar Lane will connect the Scissortail Trail with Saxton Park and the Legacy Trail **(7)**.

Trailheads for the Scissortail Trail will be located at Saxton Park, the Dave Blue Creek at Highway 9, and at the Alameda Drive Bridge.

### ***The Legacy Trail***

The proposed Legacy Trail is a continuation of the current Legacy Trail, extending into south-central and southeast Norman. It has a spur that connects downtown Norman with the Little River Trail at Griffin Community Park. Likewise, it connects with the Scissortail Trail at 36<sup>th</sup> SE Ave. and Cedar Creek Lane Road. Thus, this segment of the Legacy Trail is a critical link between central, core Norman with the northern Little River Trail and the southern Scissortail Trail.

The proposed Legacy Trail starts at the southern terminus of the current Legacy Trail at Duffy Street **(8)**. The proposed Legacy Trail moves south either along the railroad or through neighborhood areas, until reaching the northern boundary of the Brandt Park (i.e., OU Duck Pond) at Brooks Street. South of the Brandt Park, the trail will continue south along Classen Blvd. to Constitution Ave., where it will turn west and continue to Jenkins Ave. This will connect Reaves Park with the Legacy Trail **(9)**. At the intersection of Classen Blvd. and East Imhoff Road, the trail will turn east along Imhoff to connect with the Scissortail Trail at the intersection of Highway 9 and 24<sup>th</sup> SE Ave **(10)**.

The proposed Legacy Trail south of Highway 9 will run along Cedar Lane Road from Jenkins Ave. to 36<sup>th</sup> SE Ave. At Jenkins, where there is a crossing light, it will cross Highway 9 and run north to Blankenship Blvd, where it will turn west and continue until reaching Chautauqua Ave. Along Chautauqua Ave. 8-10 ft sidewalks already exist for easy pedestrian and bicycle travel.

The proposed Legacy Trail will also travel north from Cedar Lane Road along 12<sup>th</sup> SE to cross Highway 9 where there is a crossing light. The trail will continue northward along 12<sup>th</sup> SE until connecting with Constitution.

A spur connecting downtown Norman to Griffin Community Park will run along E. Main to the traffic circle at Main and Acres, and then travel north up N. Carter Ave. This will provide access to Frances Cate Park **(11)**. A crossing signal at N. Carter Ave. and E. Robinson Street will need to be provided to allow safe crossing of Robinson Street to Griffin Community Park.

Finally, the current Legacy Trail needs to include a pedestrian/bicycle friendly crossing at the intersection of Robinson and Flood **(12)**. Although traffic lights are currently present at this intersection, it is difficult for pedestrians to use, and quite intimidating and dangerous for folks with disabilities.

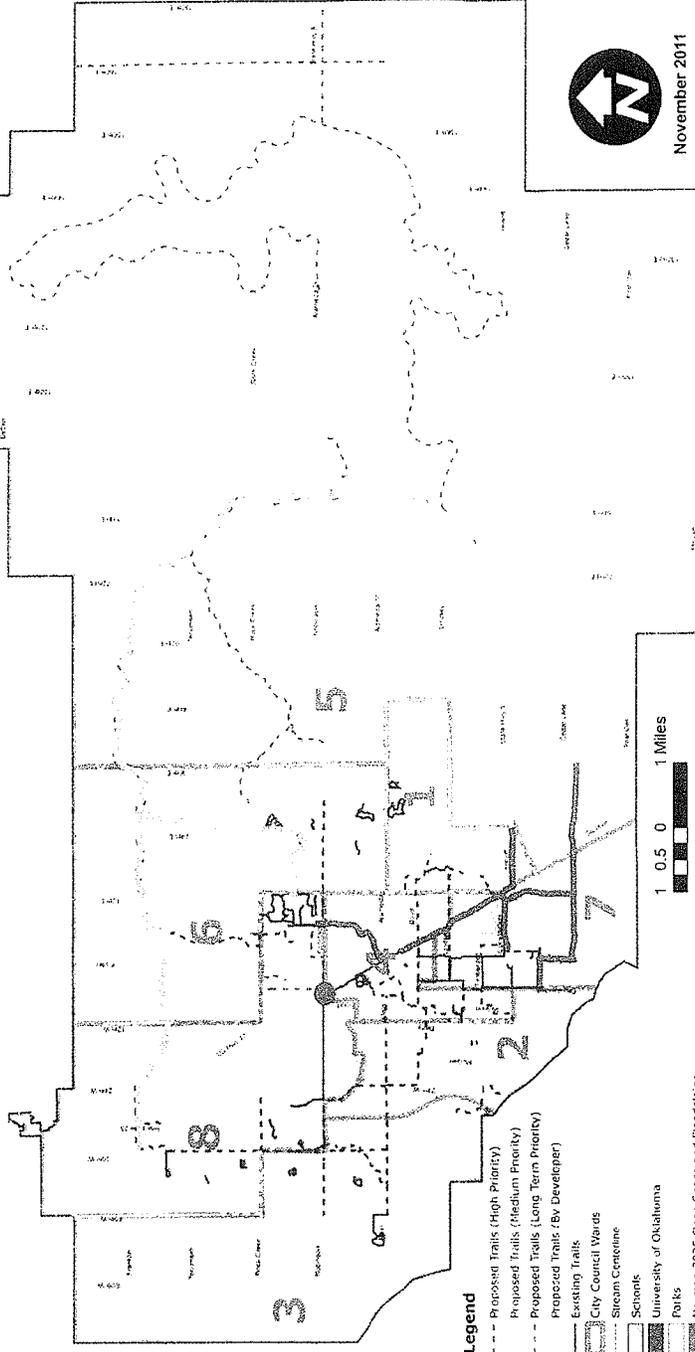
# Proposed Greenbelt Trails – April, 2015



The Little River Trail

The Scissortail Trail

The Legacy Trail



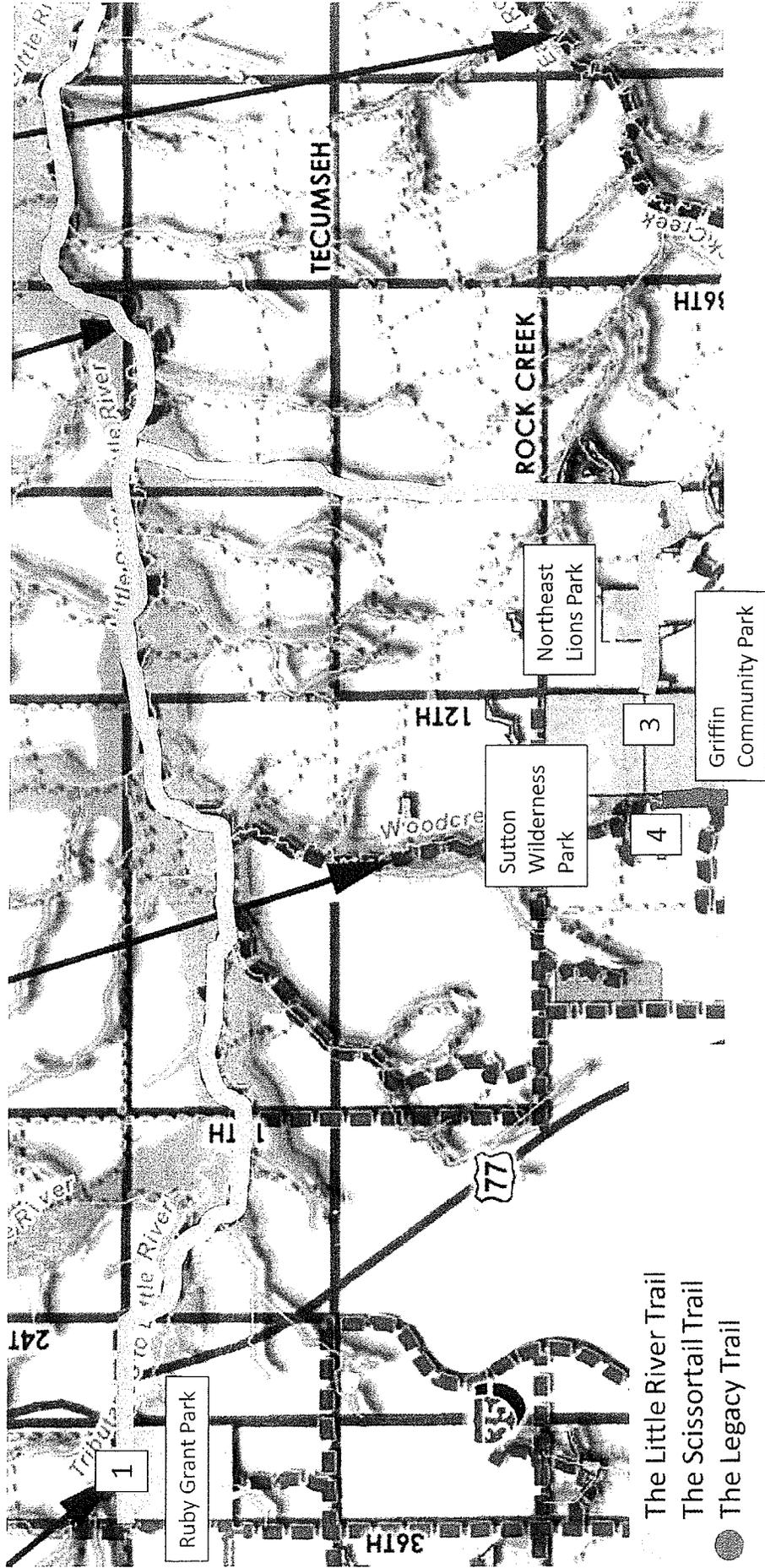
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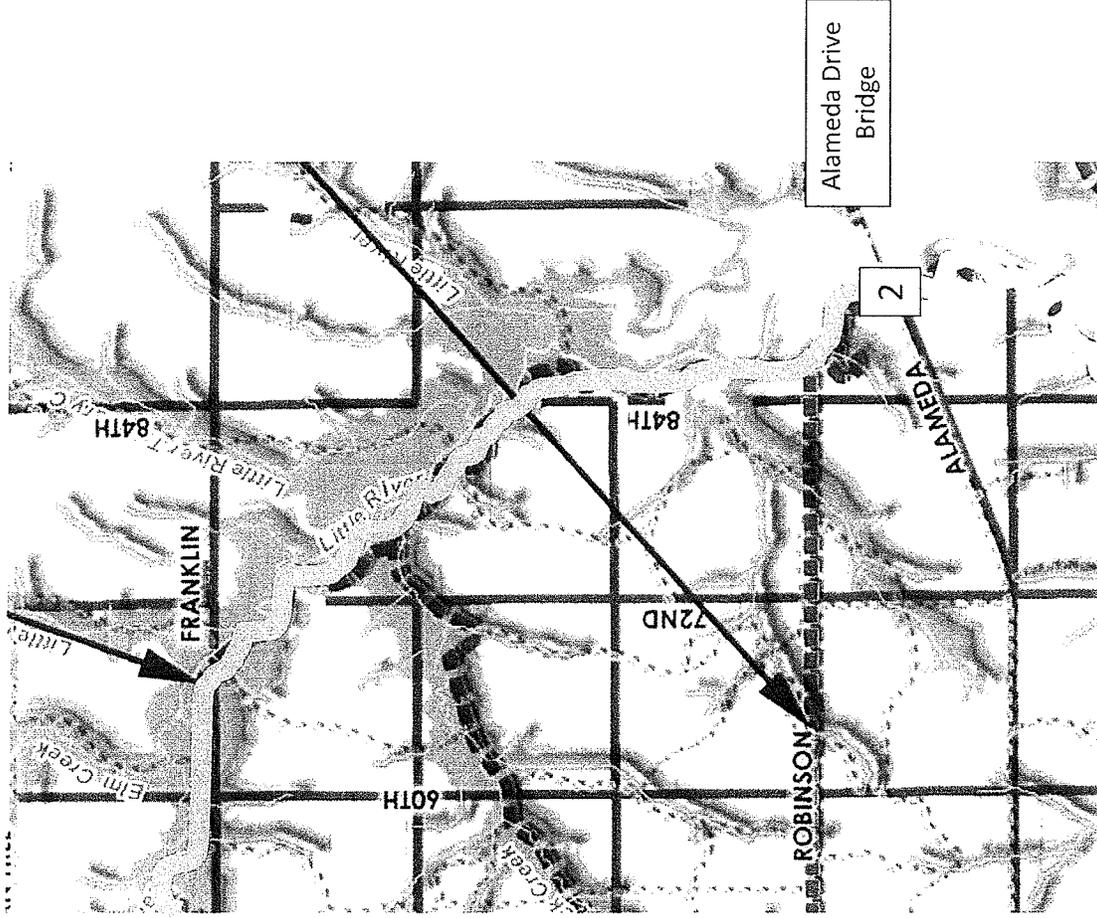
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- Proposed Trails (High Priority)
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- - - Proposed Trails (By Developer)
- Existing Trails
- City Council Wards
- Stream Centerline
- Schools
- University of Oklahoma
- Parks
- Norman 2025 Open Space and Floodplains

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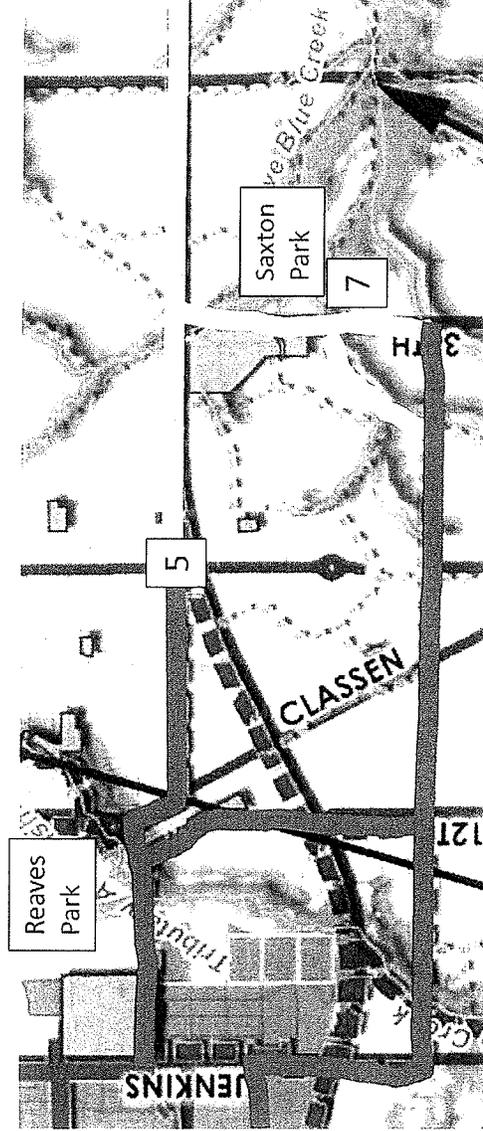


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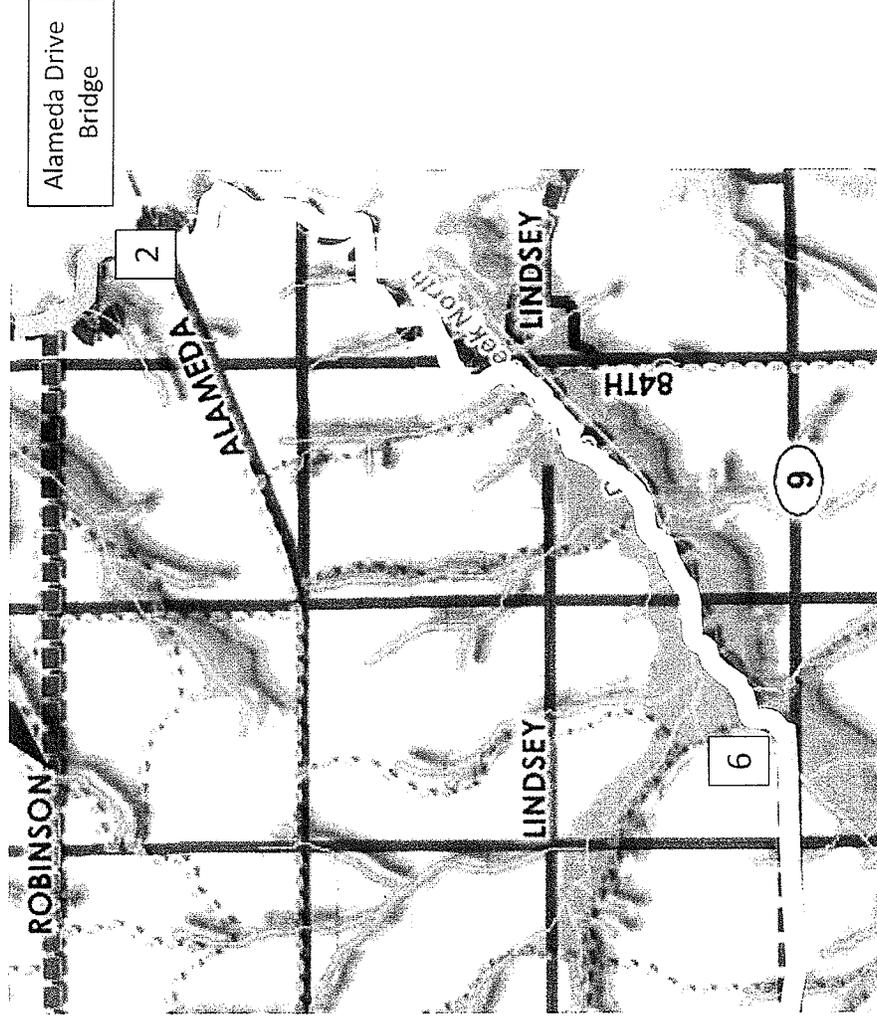
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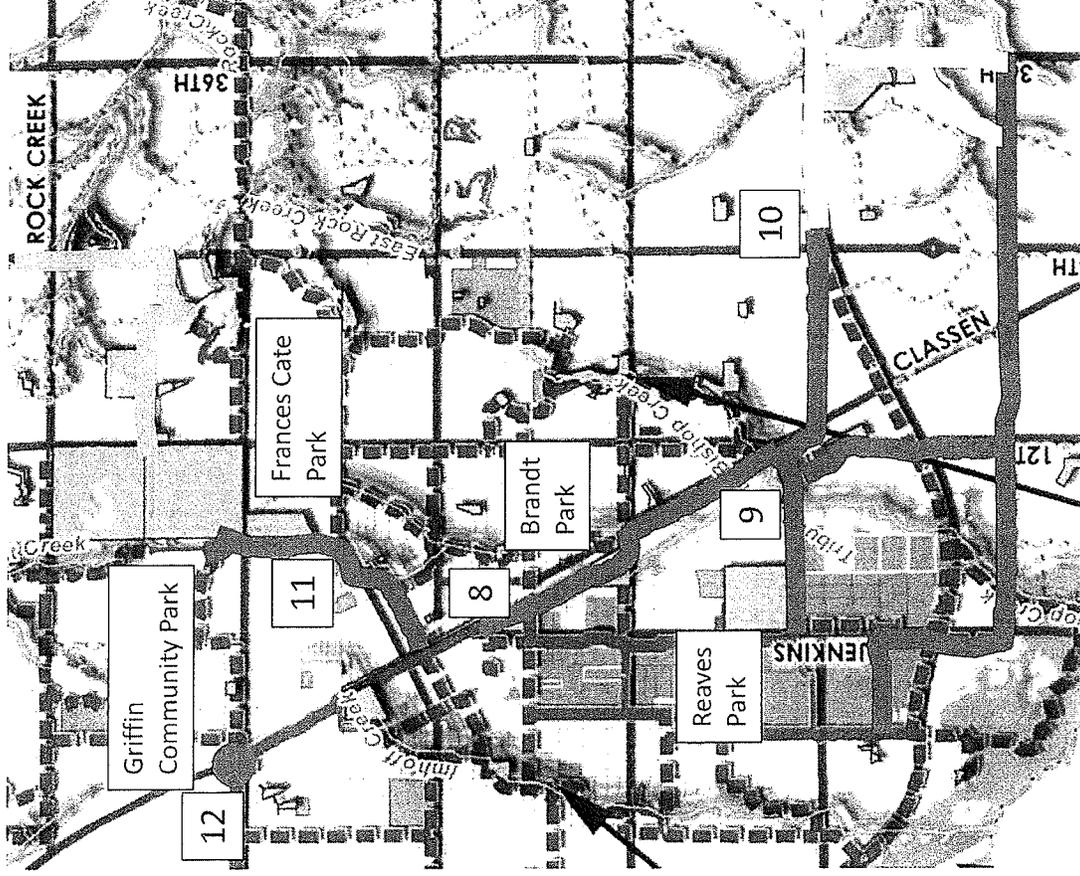
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# The Scissortail Trail (east segment)



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# The Legacy Trail



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**Jolana McCart**

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**From:** Stacey Parker  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2015 2:44 PM  
**Subject:** PRESS RELEASE 5/19/15 - Social and Voluntary Services Funding Applications Available

## **PRESS RELEASE**



**City of Norman**  
**201 West Gray**  
**Norman, Oklahoma 73069**

For Immediate Release: May 19, 2015

Contact: Lisa Krieg, City Grants Planner, (405) 366-5464 or [lisa.krieg@normanok.gov](mailto:lisa.krieg@normanok.gov)

**DEADLINE: June 8, 2015**

### **SOCIAL AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES FUNDING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

The City of Norman Social and Voluntary Services Commission (SVSC) announces that funding applications for the 2015-2016 fiscal year are now available. Approximately \$170,000 of funding is proposed for allocation to local 501(c)(3) organizations in Norman for the 2015-2016 program year. Although these funds are included in the proposed budget, they are not finalized until the budget is adopted by the Norman City Council in June, and thus are subject to change.

The application may be found on the City of Norman website on the Social and Voluntary Services Commission page at [www.normanok.gov/city/social-and-voluntary-services-commission](http://www.normanok.gov/city/social-and-voluntary-services-commission).

Applications are due no later than 4:00 pm on June 8, 2015 in the Revitalization Division Offices of the Department of Planning and Community Development located at 201-A West Gray. Requesting applications prior to the adopted budget is in anticipation of upcoming SVSC meetings, at which time funding applications will be considered.

For more information, please contact Lisa Krieg at 405-366-5464 or [lisa.krieg@normanok.gov](mailto:lisa.krieg@normanok.gov).

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