
Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
January 5, 2012

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the City Council Chambers on the 5th day of January, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Public Library, and 201 West Gray Street, 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley, Goth, Hoover, London and Perry

Absent: (1 position vacant)

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner London made the motion and Commissioner Goth seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley, Goth, Hoover, London and Perry

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Goth made the motion and Commissioner Brockhaus seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley, Goth, Hoover, London and Perry

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF PARKS
COMMISSIONERS

The motion was made by Commissioner Brockhaus and seconded by Commissioner Hoover to nominate Dennis Brigham as the Chair of the Board of Parks Commissioners. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley,
Goth, Hoover, London and Perry

NAY: None

ITEM 5, being

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF PARKS
COMMISSIONERS

The motion was made by Commissioner Brockhaus and seconded by Commissioner London to nominate Commissioner Goth as the Vice Chair of the Board of Parks Commissioners. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley,
Goth, Hoover, London and Perry

NAY: None

ITEM 6, being:

CONSIDERATION OF PARKLAND DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
VILLAGE AT OAKHURST ADDITION

The Village at Oakhurst PUD is located in a part of Section 4, Township 8 North, Range 2 West of the Indian Meridian and is located north of Imhoff Road and west of Oakhurst Ave. The addition is located across the street from the Hitachi Corporation and west of the U.S. Postal Training Facility. The preliminary plat contains 152 units of PUD multi-family residential zoning. When it develops, there will be a total required parkland dedication of .6726 acre. This development will also yield \$11,400 in Neighborhood Park Development Fees and the same in Community Park Development fees once all building permits have been issued.

The area has been zoned for office space for many years; however the current developer is seeking to change the zoning to a PUD. The final plat for the area may contain less residential than is shown in the current plat. The final unit count will not go up; but it could go down based on the area adding more office space in the final plat. In this plat, some of the area is designed for multi-family housing units (152 total), the area at the intersection of Oakhurst Avenue and Imhoff Road is shown as a church, and there is a large area north of

the church left as an open space buffer between this development and the older homes north of the property.

Although the open space shown on the plat would be sufficient to satisfy a private park decision, the developer would prefer to leave that area un-developed and, instead, is seeking a fee-in-lieu of land decision for this PUD (see attached letter). The number of units on the final plat will be used to determine the amount of fees to be paid at that time. This development will be located in a section of town that contains two existing public parks (Oakhurst and Woodcreek). Both are long-standing, well-established parks that have been developed for many years. Either of these would benefit from monies generated by this development in development fees and fee-in-lieu of land payments.

Therefore, City Staff recommends that Park Board accept a fee-in-lieu of land for the Village at Oakhurst PUD Addition. This fee, in conjunction with the Development Fees, could be used to make significant improvements to one or more of the existing parks in the neighborhood.

Commissioner London made the motion and Commissioner Goth seconded to recommend a fee-in lieu of land decision for the Oakhurst PUD Addition. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH:	Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley, Goth, Hoover, London and Perry
NAY:	None

ITEM 7, being:

PRESENTATION OF MONROE PARK CONCEPT DRAWING

James Briggs presented background information on the three proposed concept drawings for Monroe Park. Twenty citizens were in attendance at the public input session.

Kelly Philp – 1610 Hollywood – stated she like concept A – more walking surface.

Connie Byrum – 1638 Vine – stated she loves open space. She likes concept A and did not want any additional fencing.

Judy Reynolds – 1803 Peter Pan – stated she was thrilled and that water is important. There is no system of sidewalks in the area. She would like an area for all ages, covered picnic area and performance space for small music groups. Hates to see more land covered with concrete.

Bob Byers – 2415 Hollywood – stated he was a teacher at Monroe and also a resident in the area. His concern is they use the dirt track area for testing students throughout the school year and concrete is not a useable surface for jogging/walking. He also stated playground visibility is important because it would take more teachers to cover playground duty. He liked concept A or C so they could maintain the dirt oval track.

Jill Richardson – 1622 Vine – stated the concrete needs to be skateable like Earlywine Park in Moore. She would like a music performance area. She liked the concept C play area, the oval track and items in the middle.

Tod J. Barrett – 2641 Smoking Oak – stated he was excited to have a park in the area. He liked concept A. The entrances from Hollywood Avenue have water problems. He likes open space. Does not encourage a playground, but thought the toddler area was a good concept. He wants to maximize green space. Grills should be in the Gazebo area, not spread around the park.

Tanner Satterthwaite – 2501 Hollywood Ave stated he was a student at Norman High and likes running on a dirt track, likes open area, no playground, swings on side. He likes concept A because it would leave the ¼ mile dirt track and if possible no middle concrete crossover.

Joy Hampton – Cherrystone - stated her grandchildren attend Monroe. Parents want to keep an eye their children so playgrounds need to be close to each other. She also likes the idea of keeping the dirt track runner friendly.

Francis Schmitz – 1316 Vine St – stated he liked concept A with no middle

Tom Kovach – 1426 Beverly Hills – stated concept A works best and that the bottom cut through to Hollywood needs to be paved.

A question was asked about a completion date. Jud Foster replied we plan to finalize the plan later this month and then the plan would be reviewed by the schools. Following approval, the bid process and construction will begin possibly by April – May with completion this summer.

Commissioner London stated concept A appears to make it look like a sports complex and B and C make it look more like a park. She likes concept C and would like to see a stage performance area.

A question was asked about maintenance. Jud Foster replied the agreement provides for the school system to maintain mowing and trimming, the City will maintain improvements. There will be no restrooms.

Jud Foster stated he appreciated input and we want to design and build what the public wanted.

The board acknowledged the presentation.

ITEM 8, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairman Brigham welcomed new Commissioner James Chappel to the Board

ITEM 9, being:

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farley made the motion and Commissioner Goth seconded to adjourn. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley, Goth, Hoover, London and Perry

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 2nd of February 2012

Dennis A. Brigham
Dennis Brigham, Chairperson