

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
June 4, 2015

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the City Council Chambers on the 4th day of June, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at 201 West Gray Street, 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Hoover, Perry, Salmond and Wright

Absent: Members Brockhaus, Chappel and London

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation
James Briggs, Park Planner

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Hoover, Perry, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Hoover, Perry, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE SOONER THEATRE

Jennifer Baker, Executive Director for the Sooner Theatre presented the annual report for the Theatre. Ms. Baker thanked the City for all they do to take care of the Sooner Theatre.

Currently the Sooner Theatre is taking care of 3 locations. They recently purchased the old Danny's TV & Appliance store. They partner with Benvenuti's to generate revenue by renting the second floor for parties, corporate functions and receptions. Classrooms will be downstairs. They will be able to move their scene shop over to the facility and free up use of the Sooner Theatre. They have pledges in from a capital campaign to cover the purchase of the building and now are waiting for the money to come in.

There are seven programs at the Theater; Rental Activities, Sooner Cinema, The Main Event Series, Sooner Stage Presents, The Studio of the Sooner Theatre, Special Events and Community Outreach. The Studio program began in 2003 with one summer camp of 30 children and now exceeds 950 children. In addition to the Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser, they have added a new fundraising event called The Voice of the Heartland. This year they were hoping for 20 video applications and they received 70. Upcoming productions include "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" and "Bonnie & Clyde".

Mrs. Baker was excited about recently taking a group of 19 students to the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta. They had tried to go for several years and were not accepted. There were 4500 students in attendance and the festival gave out 350 outstanding performer awards. She said their mentor group had 50 students there and received 1 award. The Sooner Theatre group received 7 awards and those students were asked to audition for the new Broadway Junior DVD's. One was called back for auditions and actually made it. The group also received the award for best overall ensemble.

The board acknowledged the presentation and complimented Ms. Baker on the great job she does for the Sooner Theatre.

ITEM 5, being:

**CONSIDERATION OF PARKLAND DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY NORTH PARK SECTION XIV PUD ADDITION**

University North Park (UNP) Section XIV PUD Addition is located in a part of Section 14 Township 9 North, Range 3 West of the Indian Meridian and is located north of Rock Creek Road, on the east side of 24th Avenue NW. This is the first part of a large area of proposed residential development in the UNP area (see conceptual plan, attached). The entire UNP area was preliminary platted to show all of the different zoning types in the development; however, this is the first final plat to come forward with residential units shown.

This addition contains 320 lots of RM-6-type housing, which will generate a park land dedication requirement of 1.4160 acres. This development will also yield \$24,000 in Neighborhood Park Development Fees and \$24,000 in Community Park Development fees once all building permits have been issued. Again, the conceptual plan for the entire area adjacent to this development includes several more residential structures as well as a large park area. However, this phase is not adjacent to the proposed park land. It is our understanding that the same developer has an option to purchase and develop the remaining parcels as shown in the concept, including the public park area. Therefore, the developer is seeking a fee-in-lieu of land decision for this first phase of development, which would be used to purchase the equivalent park land at the same negotiated price once the rest of the site is brought forward for a final plat (including the park land).

The developer has also requested to be contacted when the public park is being planned to provide input and offer assistance in development of the park, if possible. The concept plan also shows walking trails and extensive landscape throughout the development and will include other on-site amenities for the residents of each development (pool, clubhouse, etc.). These features cannot count as the park decision; however, they do provide recreational opportunities in this Phase I development as the plats are prepared (including the public park land) for the remainder of the UNP Section XIV.

Staff recommends a fee-in-lieu-of land decision for the University North Park Section XIV PUD Addition; with fees to be used to purchase an equivalent amount of land required by this plat in the public park area to be established in the area shown in the conceptual plan for UNP Section XIV.

James Briggs, park planner presented an overview of the staff recommendation.

Commissioner Brigham made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Perry to recommend accepting fee-in-lieu of land for the University North Park Section XIV PUD Addition. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Hoover, Perry,
Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 6, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Jud Foster introduced Jeff Edwards as the new Parks Superintendent. Mr. Foster stated mowing is behind schedule and they are currently working 12 hour days. Extra mowers were rented. Staff is currently monitoring the mosquito population and spraying when the number reaches the scientific based criteria. The Baseball/Softball program is underway, but is currently behind schedule. We have had to reschedule 153 games due to weather. Legacy Park continues to be slowed by weather, and at this point may open sometime in July.

Jud Foster also updated the Board regarding the Cascade Park Item that came before the Board a few months back. The group did not receive the required 70% vote of their residents to gift the land to the City, so this is not a viable option anymore.

Board members expressed an interest in rescheduling the Park Tour. Mr. Foster told them we will work something out.

ITEM 7, being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Hoover, Perry,
Salmond and Wright
NAY: None

Passed and approved this 3rd of July 2015



Jackie Farley, Chairperson

