Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
November 3, 2011

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the City Council Chambers on the 3rd day of November, 2011 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, Farley, Hoover, London, McGuire and Perry
Absent:	Commissioner Ferrier (resigned), Goth and McGuire
City Officials Present:	Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation

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ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

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

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner London made the motion and Commissioner Farley seconded to approve the agenda and moving the report from Little Axe Youth Sports to the end. The vote was taken with the following results:

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

ITEM 4, being:

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM CLEVELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Mark Williams, President of Cleveland County Historical Society spoke to the board. The Society operates the Moore-Lindsay Historical House and it is their mission to "research, preserve, publicize and perpetuate the history and genealogy of Cleveland County, Oklahoma and its people." The Society signs a yearly contract with the City of Norman to operate the house and is required to be open a minimum of 20 hours per week. In FY 2011 the City allocated funds to paint the outside of the house and in FY 2012 the City has allocated funds to renovate the upstairs of the House with work anticipating to be done in November 2011. In 2012 they will host a WWII exhibit which will include WWII artifacts in CCHS collections, oral history collected by the curators, photographs of Norman during WWII and the history of the house during the war era. In the last twelve months, there were over 3000 visitors to the museum.

Vernon Maddox spoke and stated how pleased they were with the improvements at the museum.

A written report including financial information was submitted prior to the meeting.

The board complimented the association on the great job they have done and acknowledged the report.

ITEM 5, being:

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM WESTWOOD TENNIS CENTER

Westwood Tennis Pro David Minihan spoke to the board. The highlight at the tennis center this year was the qualifiers for the US Open Tennis Tournament. They had a good turn out and it was well received. In 2012 they have been awarded 3 sectional tournaments. The summer sectional will bring approximately 250-300 entries. They have also been awarded 3 national tournaments. They continue to host USTA Leagues. Players come to play from as far as Edmond and Ardmore to play in the league. Four new steel benches were installed at the center this past year, replacing the old plastic ones. New lines were painted on the courts for 10-under players in conjunction to the new rule change implemented in 2010. USTA funded 100% of this project.

The board acknowledged the report.

ITEM 6, being:

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED PUBLIC ART PROJECT AT ANDREWS PARK AMPHITHEATER

Douglas Elder, member of the Public Arts Board presented to the board. The Public Arts Board was approached by a citizen who performs at Andrews Park Amphitheater and takes his family to the park, about creating artwork on the wall behind the amphitheater stage at Andrews Park. The project is a 4' x 16' mural and is being funded by the Public Art Board. The total cost of the project will be $727. One hope in the future is to have another artist come in and create another design to have a rotating display. Two design options were submitted for consideration. A written proposal was submitted to the board.

Commissioner London questioned who decides if projects are done. Jud Foster explained the process of art being selected by the Public Art Board and stated if approved the project would be submitted as an informational item to Council.

Commissioner Farley made the motion and Commissioner Brockhaus seconded to adopt the Red Design option. The vote was taken with the following results:

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

ITEM 7, being:

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM LITTLE AXE YOUTH SPORTS

John Goodson, President of Little Axe Youth Sports presented to the board. He thanked the parks department for the repair of the pavilion from the tornado that went through last year. They also received new trash cans, the park was mowed, fence lines weeded out and water was still on through November. He also stated Pam Sharp was very helpful and they appreciate her. He had a list of requests which included: being present when the fields are fertilized; gates being repaired along the fence lines; the park treated for scorpions and pigmy rattlesnakes and a loading sign be placed in the parking lot. He questioned the date of some projects which include a new concession stand, and retaining walls. He would like a copy of the blueprints. Mr. Goodson invited everyone to come out and look at the complex, they are really proud of it.

Mr. Goodson reported that 146 children participated on twelve teams this summer. Approximately 5000 man hours were used to maintain the complex. Another 2000 were used to organize and paint the concession stand. Eight scholarships were awarded to individuals and one scholarship was awarded to a team who could not afford to pay the fees.

Commissioner Farley questioned the finances from the concession stand. Mr. Goodson stated the board changed hands just prior to starting without any guidance. Also, they purchased concessions for a four day tournament which ended up being a two day tournament. Commissioner London asked if he felt they had a stable board. He stated yes.

A written report was submitted.

The board acknowledged the report.

Jud Foster stated anytime they have questions to feel free to contact staff. The construction plans for the retaining wall are being drawn up and will be done over the winter months, the concession stand should be in the next fiscal year. Staff will take care of the loading sign.

ITEM 8, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Jud Foster stated staff has been working with the Veterans Parade planning group assisting where we could and wanted the board to be aware that next Friday the 11th, the first Veterans Day Parade in Norman since 1944 will be held. The parade will begin at 8:45 a.m. A memorial ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial at 11:00 a.m. with Tom Cole as the keynote speaker.

Jud Foster stated a new plaza was dedicated along Legacy Trail adjacent to plaza 5. It is the Letterman's Plaza which is a display of four granite markers made in the 1940's. The markers were originally installed in the Hardie Field wall and removed when the wall was torn down in the 1970's. Elton Davis promoted the project and raised private money by selling bricks to create a nice display.

ITEM 9, being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 1st of December 2011

Dennis Brigham, Chairperson