

**GREENBELT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF
January 28, 2013**

The Greenbelt Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for the Regular Meeting on January 28, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. Notice and Agenda of the meeting were posted at 201 W Gray Building A, the Norman Municipal Building and at www.normanok.gov twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ITEM NO. 1 BEING: CALL TO ORDER.

Acting Chair Bob Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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ITEM NO. 2 BEING: ROLL CALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Bruce
 Jim McCampbell
 Richard McKown
 Mark Nanny
 Mary Peters
 Karl Rambo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Ingels
 Sarah Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Stenis, Planner II
 Jolana McCart, Admin Tech IV
 Drew Norlin, Subdivision Coordinator

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ITEM NO. 3 BEING: Approval of the Minutes from the December 17, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Motion by M Nanny for approval; **Second** by J McCampbell. All approve.

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ITEM NO. 4 BEING: Election of Officers for 2013

Nomination by M Peters for M Nanny for Chair; **Second** J Rambo. All Approve.

Co-Chair will be elected at the next meeting. M Nanny chose to take office at the February meeting.



ITEM NO. 5 BEING: Review of Greenbelt Enhancement Statement Applications.

a. CONSENT DOCKET

i. GBC 13-02

Applicant: Sassan Moghadam Fountain View North
Revised Addition
Location: East side of 48th Ave NW and South of Tecumseh
Road
Request: Land Use Plan Amendment, Rezoning and
Preliminary Plat

The applicant is proposing a revision to the previously approved Fountain View North Addition due to additional land acquisition.

W Stenis gave the staff report. The applicant was not represented.

Chair Bruce referred to the Guidelines for Evaluating Greenbelt Enhancement Statements to evaluate the criteria for the Commission to make their recommendation.

Sec. 4-2028. Guidelines for Evaluating Greenbelt Enhancement Statements

NOTE: for this project "greenways" will refer to the sidewalks on 48th and on Tecumseh Road.

Y (a) Portions of the Greenbelt System are accessible to the general public.

Y (b) Greenways are established and provide connections to other existing and future components of the Greenbelt System.

NA (c) Existing easements (e.g. utility, pipeline, oil lease right of way, etc) may be used for Greenways where appropriate and where expressly approved by the easement grantor and grantee.

Y (d) Greenways connect neighborhoods to each other and to industrial and commercial areas.

Y (e) Greenways provide alternative routes to move through the City for commuting to work, schools, shopping, between neighborhoods, and/or other destinations by bicycling or walking.

N (f) Adverse impacts on existing topography, drainage patterns and natural vegetation are minimized.

NA (g) Developments between urbanized Norman and Lake Thunderbird include pedestrian and bike connectivity to adjacent parcels to allow for future connections to Lake Thunderbird.

TBD (h) Landscaping required by the City has been planted in conformance with Norman Zoning regulations, including with local drought-resistant low maintenance plants, shrubs and trees.

TBD (i) Vegetative buffers between neighborhoods and railway lines have been provided to enhance safety and reduce the effects of noise and air pollution.

Y (j) Permeable ground surfaces have been preserved to the extent possible.

N (k) Ingress and egress to and from a development is designed to permit safe use by non-motorized traffic in and out of the development and across the ingress and egress provisions of the development.

TBD (l) Fences abutting components of the Greenbelt System, and particularly those abutting green spaces, are of designs and materials that minimize their visual impact to the extent such fences are allowable under Norman City Code and not in conflict with applicable national standards for utility facilities. Examples of acceptable open fences include such types as wrought iron, split rail, low picket fence with every other picket removed, and metal pickets.

TBD (m) Water retention and detention storage facilities are designed in accordance with bioengineering principles and built with bioengineering materials.

NA (n) Detention facilities are integrated into the surrounding neighborhood as part of the Greenbelt System in as ecologically sound a method as possible.

NA (o) Storm water management design considers the potential for trail and green space preservation, enhancement and/or creation.

NA (p) The development layout is designed to preserve the health and diversity of wildlife affected by development in natural drainage corridor areas.

NA (q) The development layout is designed to minimize the intrusions of noise, trash and other things into the Greenbelt System that would negatively affect visitors' and users' experience of any impacted components of the Greenbelt System.

NA (r) To the extent possible, the development layout, as designed, does not impair the ability of riparian buffers from serving as corridors for wildlife movement.

NA (s) Riparian buffers are incorporated into the Greenbelt System.

NA (t) The commercial developments have provided for pedestrian access.

Y (u) Pavement is minimized when possible by, among other things, using shared parking areas and/or permeable parking surfaces where feasible and allowed under the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Norman and the City Engineering Design Criteria.

NA (v) Cluster development has been utilized as a means to develop the Greenbelt System.

NA (w) Structures, other than utility transmission poles or substations, were located to maximize greenbelt and trail opportunities.

(TBD To Be Determined)

Motion by K Rambo to send the Consent Docket application forward as presented. **Second** by M Nanny. All approve.

b. NON-CONSENT DOCKET

i. GBC 13-01

Applicant: Robert H Ricker Trust Grizzle Addition

Location: NE corner of the intersection of Tecumseh Road and 12th Avenue NE

Request: Land Use Plan Amendment, Rezoning and Preliminary Plat

The application is for a new development consisting of apartments, patio homes, commercial and small office buildings.

W Stenis gave the staff report. The applicant was not represented.

R Mckown left the meeting at 7:05.

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- *Commission comments: this item would be marked as "yes" assuming that no fence or one of the acceptable fence styles listed were to be used.*

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Motion by M Peters to send the application forward along with the comment stated under "L". **Second** by J McCampbell. All approve.

K Rambo and J McCampbell both stated that the plans were very unclear, thus making a decision difficult.

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ITEM NO. 6 BEING: Sidewalk projects for Capital Improvements funding.

The Commission discussed four possible sidewalk projects which the Commission could recommend to City Council for funding. Those projects locations are:

1. 36th Ave NW: Rock Creek to Tecumseh Road;
2. 24th Ave NE: Robinson to nearest sidewalk/trail north;
3. South side of constitution: Dewey to Ryan and street crossing, and North side of constitution; Oak Creek to the shopping center; and
4. Oklahoma Ave: Boyd to Brooks.

Motion by K Rambo to recommend approval of the presented 4 projects, with projects 1 and 3 receiving the highest priority and projects 2 and 4 receiving secondary priority. **Second** by M Peters. 4 for approval with B Bruce voting against.

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ITEM NO. 7 BEING: Miscellaneous Discussion.

M Nanny was appointed to the "Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility and Safety and Streetscape" Subcommittee.

Due to the late hour, discussion on the evaluation criteria compiled by M Nanny will be discussed at the next meeting


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ITEM NO. 6 BEING: Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Passed and approved this 18 day of Feb 2013.



Bob Bruce, Acting Chair