

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
April 4, 2013

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 April, 2013 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, Chappel, Goth, Hoover, London, Perry and Stewart

Absent: Commissioners Brockhaus

City Officials

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

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 7, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE FIREHOUSE ART CENTER

Douglas Elder, Executive Director of the Firehouse Art Center presented to the board. He thanked the Parks Board and the Parks and Recreation Department for their support. Currently the Firehouse Art Center is working with the Public Art Board on the Duck project. There are a few more ducks ready to be installed in the parks.

The center offers 35-45 classes throughout the year with more than 700 adult and 500 children enrolled annually. They also provide arts education programs for more than 1400 students in the area elementary schools.

Over the past year they held the Chocolate Festival, Luncheon on the Grass, Midsummer Nights' Fair, three artists' workshops and 6 Gallery Openings. This summer the Midsummer Nights' Fair will move from July to August in hopes to draw more university participants.

The Firehouse Art Center received the 2012 Fowler VW Art Education Award presented by the Norman Arts Council.

A written report including a financial report was submitted prior to the meeting. The board acknowledged the report.

ITEM 5, being:

PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE NORMAN FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Representatives of the Norman Football Academy were not in attendance to present to the board. They will be scheduled to return at a later date.

ITEM 6, being:

**CONSIDERATION OF PARKLAND DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
ASPEN HEIGHTS PUD ADDITION**

Aspen Heights PUD is located in a part of Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 2 West of the Indian Meridian and is located south of Imhoff Road and east of Classen Boulevard. The addition is located next to the Hitachi Plant, and is generally located in an triangular piece of a Section bounded on the west by Classen Boulevard (State Highway 77), on the north by Imhoff Road, and on the south by State Highway 9 (see map). There are commercial businesses adjacent to this PUD and Industrial zoning (including Hitachi) to the east. There is not another area of residential zoning likely to develop in the area in the future. The preliminary plat contains a mix of residential and commercial buildings; with a total of 158 units of PUD multi-family residential zoning. When it develops, there will be a total required parkland dedication of .6992 acre. This development will also yield \$11,850 in Neighborhood Park Development Fees and the same in Community Park Development fees once all building permits have been issued.

The plat for the area contains the above-mentioned number of residential structures, as well as a clubhouse and pool area, open air courtyards with sports courts and a large open area that will act as the storm water detention pond for the development. However, none of these are eligible to fulfill the park land dedication ordinance requirements for public or private park land. Therefore, the developer 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.

The fees collected from this development will be used for improvements at Woodcreek Park—which is approximately ½ mile to the north. Pedestrian access is available through The Cottages PUD, which is fully built-out (see map) .

Staff recommends a fee-in-lieu of land for the Aspen Heights PUD Addition.

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

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

NAY: None

ITEM 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Foster updated the board on the Legacy Park Project. They met today and everything is moving along. Members should start seeing progress soon and the project is 12-14 months out.

Mr. Foster told the board there would be a park tour following the May meeting. Members requested to visit the Tennis Center, Legacy Park, Brookhaven and Monroe Park. Members should contact staff with any other park sites they would like to visit.

Commissioner London asked what we would be doing with the increase of motel and hotel tax money. Mr. Foster informed the board it could only be used on capital improvements. The money collected is not earmarked. Some will be used to re-surface the Irving and Whittier gym floors.

Commissioner Stewart requested information about bike trails. James Briggs invited him to attend a Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Stewart offered his congratulations to the Mayor on her re-election.

ITEM 8, being:

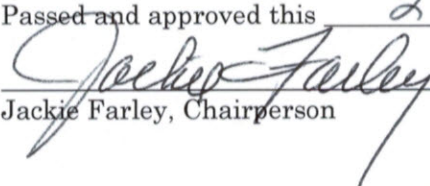
ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 2nd of May 2013



Jackie Farley, Chairperson