Norman Board of Parks Commissioners October 3, 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 3rd day of October, 2013 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 Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Chappel, Goth,

Hoover, London, Perry and Stewart

Absent:

Commissioner Brockhaus

City Officials

Present:

Jud Foster, Director Parks and Recreation

James Briggs, City of Norman Park Planner

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner London made the motion and Commissioner Brigham 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:

CONSIDERATION OF PARKLAND DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MILLENNIUM ADDITION

Millennium Addition is located in Section 5 of Township 8 North, Range 2 West of the Indian Meridian. It is an L-shaped property bounded by Lindsey Street on the north and Classen Boulevard on the west. The property wraps around south of the Braums and the Conoco on Lindsey Street. The parcel includes the land that used to be Boyd View Park along the southern boundary of the site. This land was traded to the developer in exchange for land required for the Cedar Lane Road widening project by the City of Norman. There are 197 RM-2 units in this addition for a total required parkland dedication of .8717 acres.

This development will yield \$14,775 in Neighborhood Park Development Fees and the same amount in Community Park Development fees once all building permits have been issued. The project is across Lindsey Street from Faculty Heights Park, which has acted as the park for the neighborhood south of the commercial properties on Lindsey between Classen and 12th Avenue SE, since Boyd View Park was not able to be developed by the City of Norman due to the cost involved with making the site more than a drainage channel.

There is not sufficient land available on the plat to fulfill the public park (nor private park) requirements; and as per the parkland dedication ordinance, the developer cannot count their on-site amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) as public or private parkland. Therefore, the developer is requesting a fee-in-lieu of land decision for this project. However, the site development plan does include several additional public recreation opportunities in the area that was Boyd View Park, once the land is re-graded to construct the parking and drainage areas for the development (see attached landscape development plan for the area). These include a walking path, a basketball court, a practice soccer area in the detention basin, and a sand volleyball court—as well as several trees planted along the property line boundary between this development and the existing housing south of them. The proposed site plan reflects the Park Board discussion for the former Boyd View park site held on August 1, 2013.

Staff agrees with this request and is proposing to utilize the fees collected for improvements at Faculty Heights Park, which will help to serve the recreational needs for this development as well as the residents of the Boyd View neighborhood (along with the publicly accessible features shown on the plan in the former Boyd View park area).

Staff recommends that the Board of Park Commissioners recommend fee-in-lieu of land decision for the Millennium Addition.

Commissioner Farley inquired about the size of the complex. James Briggs stated it was to be 5 stories.

Commissioner London inquired as to how there would be access to the public area. James Briggs replied along the sidewalk at Lindsey and Classen. The developer is also trying to obtain a pedestrian easement.

Commissioner Farley inquired about the wording of the covenant regarding public use of the park. Developer representative Sean Reiger read the covenant which stated "accessible to the Boyd View neighborhood".

Commissioner Goth made the motion and Commissioner Brigham seconded to recommend a fee-in-lieu of land decision for the Millennium 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 5, being:

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM CLEVELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Vernon Maddox, President of Cleveland County Historical Society spoke to the board. The Society was started in 1967 and in 1973 became custodians of the Moore-Lindsay Historical House. The house has been re-painted and the interior walls and ceiling have all been restored. The Society publishes a newsletter four times per year.

Annual events include the Victorian Christmas open house and 89er Day Celebration. In the last twelve months there were approximately 2900 visitors who toured the House Museum.

Commissioner London stated there was a new line item called Future Museum Fund. Mr. Maddox reported it used to be called Rainy Day Fund. They are hoping to save enough to build an actual museum in the future.

Commissioner London inquired about the City requiring facilities to begin paying the cost of the utilities. Jud Foster stated it was applied to all organizations uniformly and it was part of a budget reduction plan.

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 6, being:

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM LITTLE AXE YOUTH SPORTS

Stephanie Larsen, Secretary and Regina Tedder, Treasurer, of the Little Axe Youth Sports Association presented to the board. There were thirteen teams consisting of 167 players ranging in age from four to twelve participating in the league this year. The concession stand was organized and all licenses were secured. LAYS held a food handler's class on April 14th at the elementary school and invited the public. It was well attended. New fences and sidewalks were installed at the complex this year. There was no pre-season tournament held this year, but they did host two post season tournaments. The organization is currently discussing adding soccer to their program.

A written report including financial information was submitted prior to the meeting. Regina Tedder fielded questions regarding the financial statement.

The board complimented the association and acknowledged the report.

ITEM 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

James Briggs showed pictures of the playground that was replaced at Woodslawn Park because of vandalism and also the playground at McGeorge Park that was recently replaced with the help of CDBG funds.

Commissioner Stewart asked about Legacy Park. Mr. Foster replied it was a couple of months behind schedule due to the wet weather.

ITEM 8, being:

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hoover made the motion and Commissioner Brigham 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 3rd of January 2014 2014

Jackie Farley, Chairperson