

**GREENBELT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF
February 17, 2014**

The Greenbelt Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for the Regular Meeting on February 17, 2014, 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.

Chair Mark Nanny called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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ITEM NO. 2 BEING: ROLL CALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Brown
Bob Bruce
Jim McCampbell
Richard McKown
Mark Nanny
Mary Peters
Karl Rambo
Sarah Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Connors, Director of Planning &
Community Development
Wayne Stenis, Planner II
Jolana McCart, Admin Tech IV
Drew Norlin, Subdivision Coordinator

GUESTS ATTENDING: Phil Strategier
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ITEM NO. 3 BEING: Approval of the Minutes from the January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion by D Brown for approval; **Second** by B Bruce. All approve.

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ITEM NO. 4 BEING: Review of Greenbelt Enhancement Statement Applications.

a. CONSENT DOCKET

- i. GBC 14-5
 - Applicant: Warren Peacock
 - Location: Southeast of intersection of 96th Ave NE & Stella Road
 - Request: Rural Certificate of Survey for Stella Acres Phase III

The applicant is proposing a rural certificate of survey plat for a 6-lot residential development. The GES identifies no public open spaces, trail or paths.

W Stenis gave the staff report. The applicant was not present to answer questions.

Motion by K Rambo to send item GBC 14-05 on the Consent Docket forward as presented. **Second** M Peters. All approve.

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b. NON-CONSENT DOCKET

- i. GBC 14-4
 - Applicant: Inez Strategier (Greg Strategier)
 - Location: Northeast of intersection of 48th NE & Alameda Street
 - Request: Rural Certificate of Survey for Strategier Acres

W Stenis gave the staff report. Phil Strategier was present to answer questions.

This application is for a rural certificate of survey plat for a 3-lot residential plat.

Motion by K Rambo to send item GBC 14-4 forward as presented. **Second** by D Brown. All approve.

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ITEM NO. 5 BEING: Discussion of a presentation to the Community Planning and Transportation Committee. (See Attached.)

Chair Nanny presented the draft outline for the discussion topics to be presented to the Community Planning and Transportation Committee (CPT). He said that the document represents the kinds of ideas, etc. that the Commission wishes to bring forward to the CPT. He stated that the purpose of meeting with the CPT was to begin a discussion as to how to bring the Greenbelt Master Plan to fruition and to identify important projects to make this happen.

Points of discussion were:

1. Needs and Proposals:

Chair Nanny said that it is important that the Commission align with the City's departments, Boards and Commissions. Three areas were identified:

- *Parks and Recreation and the Parks Board Commission:*

Recognition of walking trails and ponds as part of the parkland system by Parks and Recreation, instead of just large areas of spaces used for ball fields.

Defining the difference between "maintenance" and "repair", as in the difference between repairing sidewalks vs mowing. It was decided to add "repair" to the statement.

- *Public Works Department*

Who is responsible for the maintenance – not just mowing – of the detention/retention ponds? K Rambo said that the engineers have the water flow issues to work out, but the Commission has totally different concerns. The groups need to work together.

Concrete channel routes are not the answer. Perhaps City staff needs to have someone monitor the hydraulic functions of the channels and not rely on the HOA.

B Bruce wished to change "Monitoring and maintenance of hydraulic functioning of Greenbelt retention/detention ponds in subdivisions" to "Monitoring and repair of hydraulic functioning of Greenbelt retention/detention ponds and storm water systems in subdivision".

- *Public Safety*

Chair Nanny said that one of the issues of green spaces is public safety. In order to make public spaces safe, they need to be visible to all.

Fire concerns would need to be worked out with the Fire Department.

2. Encourage "Green" Development

Chair Nanny said that there needed to be a way to reward developers for implementing green design into their projects, particularly ones that facilitate connectivity and align with the Master Plan. Part of the concern of doing new and innovative projects is the possibility of being held up in the review process. "Green Sheets" could possibly speed up the process.

R McKown said that a road widening deferment might be a way of diverting monies from streets that will not need widening, but for which fees have already been paid, into the purchase of park land. This money could also be used to develop parks such as the Ruby Grant Park.

He also suggested developing a R1"G" zoning to allow green residential development.

3. City of Norman promoting Greenbelts

This section deals with the City promoting streets, sidewalks and trails between adjacent development and places of interest, to help promote areas that are more pleasant to use and that promote circulation other than by driving a car.

B Bruce suggested removing "new development" and replacing with "new and existing development" on (ii).

4. Integrate Greenbelt with City-wide projects

Chair Nanny said that Greenbelt trails, etc. need to be included in the implementation of the Storm Water Master Plan and when designing new or restoring current roads, etc.

5. Additional ideas and proposals

Chair Nanny said that much discussion has been held on how to develop recreational trail systems to the Lake.

ITEM NO. 6 BEING: Miscellaneous Discussion.


The Commission requested a Greenway Master Plan map in the conference room.

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ITEM NO. 7 BEING: Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Passed and approved this 21st day of April 2014.



Mark Nanny, Chair