

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners  
August 7, 2014

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the City Council Chambers on the 7th day of August, 2014 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.

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ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chairman Perry and Commissioners Brigham, Chappel, Hoover, London, Stewart and Wright

Absent: Chairman Farley Commissioner Brockhaus

City Officials

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

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ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 5, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

YEAH: Vice Chairman Perry and Commissioners Brigham, Chappel, Hoover, London, Stewart and Wright

NAY: None

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ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

YEAH: Vice Chairman Perry and Commissioners Brigham, Chappel, Hoover, London, Stewart and Wright

NAY: None

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ITEM 4, being:

**CONSIDERATION OF PARKLAND DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
CLASSEN CROSSING ADDITION**

Classen Crossings PUD Addition is located at the intersections of Section 4 and 5 of Township 8 North, Range 2 West of the Indian Meridian. It is bounded by Classen Boulevard on the east and the BNSF Railroad on the west; just south of Constitution Street. The shopping center at the corner of Constitution and Classen which contains the Family Video among other stores is immediately adjacent to the north of this property (see map). The property does have street frontage on Classen Boulevard (State Highway 77), and will have driveway access from there. The building closest to the Highway will be retail development, while the apartments being proposed in this development will be built behind the existing businesses that also front onto Classen/Highway 77 (See plat). There are 44 RM-6 units shown on the preliminary plat for this addition for a total required parkland dedication of 0.1947 acre.

This development will yield \$3,300 in Neighborhood Park Development Fees and the same amount in Community Park Development fees once all building permits have been issued. The project is in an area comprised of mostly apartment housing and commercial businesses. The Oak Tree South Park is within a half mile from this development on the west side of the railroad tracks. Residents will be able to cross the tracks on the sidewalk along Constitution Street and then walk south along Oak Tree Avenue to the park for neighborhood recreation. Reaves Park (a Community Park) is also located on Constitution Street, approximately one mile west of this property.

The developer is requesting a fee-in-lieu of land decision for this development. Those fees, plus the development fees collected for Classen Crossings PUD could be used at Oak Tree South Park. That park has a substantial balance in its neighborhood park development fees account, which will be able to be used in combination with any fee-in-lieu collections to upgrade the play equipment, walking trail and other recreational features in that park.

Staff recommends that the Board of Park Commissioners make a fee-in-lieu of land decision for the Classen Crossings PUD Addition.

James Briggs, park planner presented an overview of the staff recommendation.

Commissioner Brigham made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Chappel to recommend accepting fee-in-lieu of land for the Classen Crossings PUD Addition. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Vice Chairman Perry and Commissioners Brigham, Chappel, Hoover,  
London, Stewart and Wright

NAY: None

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ITEM 5, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Hoover asked about a rumor she had heard that soccer was going to take over the baseball and softball fields at Griffin Park.

Jud Foster talked to the board about Norman Forward which is a group that has put together a quality of life initiative and is going to bring their presentation to the City Council. It is an extensive multi-year proposal for improvements for different athletic facilities and includes an indoor aquatics facility. Based on one of the proposals, the baseball and softball fields would relocate to a new facility and soccer would expand at their current location since they have already invested so much at Griffin Park. The group will be making a presentation at the Tuesday pre-meeting for City Council. We will invite them to make a presentation to the Park Board sometime after that.

Commissioner London asked about a notice to bidders in the paper to manage Legacy Park.

Jud Foster replied staff had sent out proposals to 5 different non-profits which might have interest in managing the amphitheater at Legacy Park. There were no proposals received. The groups are not comfortable with bidding until the project is finished and they can envision how it may be used. We will revisit the issue during winter. The other request for proposal sent out was for grounds maintenance, landscaping, irrigation and restrooms monitoring and maintenance. This proposal is due back August 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a maintenance fund that has been set up which will fund the maintenance for the next ten years, after which funding will be provided by the U.N.P. property owners.

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ITEM 6, being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAH: Vice Chairman Perry and Commissioners Brigham, Chappel, Hoover,  
London, Stewart and Wright  
NAY: None

Passed and approved this 4<sup>th</sup> of September, 2014

  
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Jackie Farley, Chairperson