

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners  
July 7, 2016

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 July, 2016 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: Chairman Hoover and Commissioners Douglas, London, Millar,  
Moxley and Wright

Absent: Members Rogers and Salmond – one position vacant

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation

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ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

YEAH: Chairman Hoover and Commissioners Douglas, London, Millar,  
Moxley and Wright

NAY: None

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ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

YEAH: Chairman Hoover and Commissioners Douglas, London, Millar,  
Moxley and Wright

NAY: None

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ITEM 4, being:

PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITIES FROM NORMAN FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Not present - will be scheduled for a future presentation

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ITEM 5, being:

PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITIES FROM FIREHOUSE ART CENTER

Douglas Shaw 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. He announced for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row they have stayed in the black. Almost ¼ of their grant funding from the state is gone. They have been putting away money to save for a rainy day and have a substantial amount of money in the bank that can carry them through for several years. There were 1358 participants in classes this year at the Firehouse. They offer three class sessions; spring, winter and fall in addition to a large summer camp program.

The Firehouse Art Center offers teen courses through their College Portfolio Program. In 2015 the graduating seniors received more than \$400,000 in scholarship offers.

The Firehouse Art Center has partnerships to provide public art in the Norman community. Since 2007 they have invested \$150,000 in Art Education. They are now working with students at Lincoln Elementary School.

The Midsummers Nights' Fair has been suspended for this year. After review they found it had lost money every year since he has been director. Sales were down, bringing artists and food vendors in proved difficult. They have focused on piggy backing with other organizations to offer activities at events such as the Outdoor Movie Series, Medieval Fair and Earth Day.

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

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ITEM 6, being:

PRESENTATION OF PARK BOARD ACTIVITIES

Jud Foster presented a power point giving an overview of the different divisions in the Parks and Recreation department, their roles and responsibilities and funding. The power point also gave insight as to the role of the Board of Park Commissioners. The board's role is to consider parkland dedication ordinance requirements for residentially zoned plats; propose rules and regulations for the maintenance and operation of parks and recreational facilities; consider policy matters relative to the use of those facilities; and to make recommendations to improve the park and recreational facilities. The presentation covered the Park Land Dedication Ordinance and the Park Development Ordinance, explained their differences and how they were administered.

ITEM 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Jud Foster informed the board Westwood Pool plans are still being worked on. Demo bids are out and due back by July 14<sup>th</sup>. Currently they are regrading 2 soccer fields at Griffin Park and will be planting grass soon.

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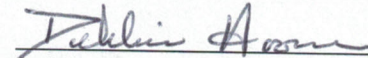
ITEM 8, being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAH: Chairman Hoover and Commissioners Douglas, London, Millar,  
Moxley and Wright  
NAY: None

Passed and approved this 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2016

  
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Debbie Hoover, Chairperson