

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
May 6, 2021

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met on the 6th day of May, 2021 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.

This Park Board Meeting met in-person at the Ruby Grant Park Southwest Pavilion before taking a tour of the park.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chair Moxley and Commissioners Dolan, Favors, Isacksen, May, Ross, Sallee and Salmond

Absent: Chair Wright

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director, Parks & Recreation
James Briggs, Park Planner
Jason Olsen, Recreation Superintendent
Wade Thompson, Parks Superintendent
Karla Sitton, Administrative Technician IV

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 1, 2021 MINUTES

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

YEAH: Vice-Chair Moxley and Commissioners Dolan, Favors, Isacksen, May, Ross, Sallee and Salmond

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

YEAH: Vice-Chair Moxley and Commissioners Dolan, Favors, Isacksen, May, Ross, Sallee and Salmond

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being

CONSIDERATION OF PARK LAND DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EAGLE CLIFF WEST ADDITION

Mr. James Briggs, Park Planner, said Eagle Cliff West Addition is located on the west side of 12th Avenue SE, south of the Eagle Cliff South (ECS) Addition, approximately ¼ mile south of Cedar Lane Road and highlighted the addition on location maps provided to the Board. The ECS neighborhood has been developing since the early 2000's and the original plat for that addition was reviewed by the Park Board in August, 2003. At that time, there was an over-dedication of park land from the original Eagle Cliff Addition that was able to count for most of the ECS park land dedication requirements. The Board of Park Commissioners decided to continue counting Eagle Cliff Park for ECS, until the land debt was fulfilled; and then to collect a Fee-in-Lieu of Land for all of the remaining sections of ECS that would be built, which has worked well. Currently, the developer is proposing to now plat the land adjacent to the ECS Addition, and construct an additional 147 lots of R-1 housing, to be called Eagle Cliff West Addition. This land was not previously included in any plats of either Eagle Cliff or ECS, however each of these additions have had streets built which were laid out to someday connect to additional housing areas.

The 147 lots shown in Eagle Cliff West are proposed as typical R-1 zoning, which would generate a total parkland dedication requirement of 1.8751 acre. This development will yield \$11,025 in Neighborhood Park Development Fees, and the same amount in Community Park Development Fees, once all building permits have been issued.

The Park Board decision for the ECS Addition in 2003, was used in recent years to collect a Fee-in-Lieu of Land as the final sections of that neighborhood have been built, since the land requirement has been fulfilled with the existing park. Those fees will be used to continue to make improvements to Eagle Cliff Park. Staff believes that this same approach should be extended to this newly platted area shown as Eagle Cliff West, since Eagle Cliff Park is a large neighborhood park, and we have recently added Songbird park on the east side of 12th Avenue. That new park provides a space for residents of the Cedar Lane, Monterey, and Cobblestone Additions, who used to also share Eagle Cliff Park as it was the nearest public park to them, as well. The Eagle Cliff West plats do show over 100 acres as "Common Area A"; however, this land is all in the flood lane and, thus, not able to count as public park land. They also show 2.62 acres as "Common Area B"; however, this land in all in an electric utility easement under high power lines and not desirable as park land either. The Eagle Cliff West plat is designed to have all of its streets connected directly to the already-constructed streets of the ECS Addition, as mentioned above. This would give all Eagle Cliff West residents easy walking access to the southern walking trail entrance to Eagle Cliff Park. The developer has requested a Fee-in-Lieu of land decision for this project. The fees collected in-lieu of park land, plus the development fees collected for Eagle Cliff West Addition and from the last sections of ECS as it builds-out, will be used at Eagle Cliff Park, in combination with the Norman Forward funds that will be made available for the park's renovation in the coming years.

Staff recommends that the Board of Park Commissioners make a Fee-in-Lieu of Land decision for the Eagle Cliff West Addition.

Commissioner Salmond asked if this will be enough park land per capita for the Eagle Cliff West Addition and Mr. Briggs said yes. Vice-Chair Moxley asked whether any of the power line area will be mowed and Staff said yes, by either OEC or OGE.

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Commissioner Dolan made the motion and Commissioner May seconded to approve a Fee-in-Lieu of Land for the park land dedication requirements for the Eagle Cliff West Addition. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Vice-Chair Moxley and Commissioners Dolan, Favors, Isacksen, May, Ross, Sallee and Salmond

NAY: None

ITEM 5, being

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Senior Wellness Center

Mr. Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, said the Norman Senior Wellness Ad Hoc Group met on May 5, for a project update and cost estimate review. He said a November, 2021, groundbreaking is scheduled for the Norman Senior Wellness Center with a late 2022 opening.

Young Family Athletic Center

Mr. Foster said the Young Family Athletic Center is scheduled for a July groundbreaking and a March 2023 opening. He said this facility will be unlike any other in the state and will be the crown jewel of Norman and the Parks Facilities.

Mr. Jason Olsen, Recreation Superintendent, said approximately 200 tickets were sold for the Mother/Son Dance the was held May 1, 2021 at Embassy Suites, from 6:30-8:00 pm. He said the dance included music, DJ, refreshments, pictures with your date and a whole lot of fun. Mr. Olsen said for those that desired to socially distance could participate at home because the dance was simulcast on the SportsTalk radio network. He said it was very successful and good to get to meet in person for this annual event.

Mr. Olsen said the @Legacy event series starts tomorrow, May 7th, with a concert at 7:30 pm with the band Bottom of the Barrel. The @Legacy event series will be on the first Friday of every month at Legacy Park, and the concerts are presented by Norman Regional Hospital and 405 Brewing Co.

Mr. Olsen said he was excited to announce that the Fourth of July event will resume this year at Reaves Park and a private donor has given money that will double the amount of fireworks that will be displayed. He said the Norman Music Festival Committee is also helping Staff to get a band(s) for the annual day of fun.

The Outdoor Movie Series makes its return to Lions Park on Friday, May 14, beginning with Wonder Woman 84. This year's selection of films is presented by Armstrong Bank, Nexus Productions, Norman Parks, and Recreation. Activities begin at 7:00 p.m. The movie will begin at sundown. For the complete list of movies this summer, please visit the Norman Parks Facebook page.

The Summer Breeze Concert Series will begin Sunday, May 16, and run through August 22, 2021. The Series features national and local musicians performing at Lions Park. Mr. Olsen said the Sunday evening concerts are casual family-friendly events and some of the past artists include Byron Berline, Seth Glier, Kyshona Armstrong and many others.

Mr. Olsen said Council approved Resolution R-2021-42, which adds Reaves, Andrews and Lions Parks to the list of facilities that are excluded from the prohibition of selling or distributing

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intoxicating or alcoholic beverages. He said these parks are often used to accommodate a variety of outside events where the distribution of alcoholic beverages is requested and the resolution will allow permits to be issued for certain areas of the parks that can be secured and controlled for this type of use.

Presentation to Jud Foster from the Park Board and Sutton Wilderness Committee

Commissioner Ross, on behalf of the Parks Board and Sutton Wilderness Committee, presented Mr. Jud Foster, with a commissioned artwork piece from Debbie Kaspari titled "Sutton Urban Wilderness" and thanked him for his 42 years of service to the City of Norman. Mr. Foster thanked everyone and said it has been great working with the current Commissioners and Board Members as well as those over the past 42 years. He said it takes all the wonderful volunteers and good Staff to get the job done and accomplishments made.

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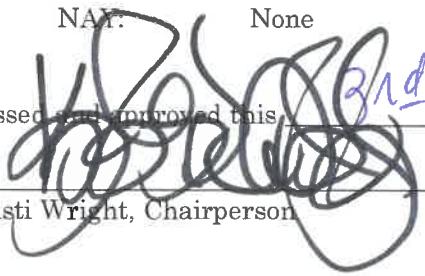
ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAH: Vice-Chair Moxley and Commissioners Dolan, Favors, Isacksen, May, Ross, Sallee and Salmond

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 3rd of June 2021



Kristi Wright, Chairperson

The Park Board began a tour of the recently completed Ruby Grant Park, utilizing several golf carts, beginning from the Southwest Pavilion located at 4343 36th Avenue NW, heading south and east to the disc golf course, dog park, walking trails, cross country running course, public art piece, restroom facilities, ending up at the Ruby Grant Memorial Pavilion located at 3110 W. Franklin Road, where Mr. Jud Foster, was greeted by family, friends, and City employees, to include Mayor Breea Clark and Darrel Pyle, City Manager. Mr. Foster retired earlier in the day and the gathering was to surprise him with a dedication of the Foster Walking Trails at Ruby Grant Park in honor of his 42 years of service in the Parks and Recreation Department to the people of Norman. City Manager Pyle and Mayor Clark both gave short speeches commemorating Mr. Foster's career highlights and dedication to Norman, followed by congratulations and well wishes by all.