

NORMAN FORWARD  
NORMAN WELLNESS CENTER  
PUBLIC MEETING #1  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
201 WEST GRAY, NORMAN, OK

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Chairperson Gale Hobson thanked everyone for coming to the Public Meeting, stating it was the first of three Public Meetings for the Norman Wellness Center and requested the rest of the Ad Hoc Group introduce themselves. Ad Hoc Members present included: Richard Bailey, Mary Bonner, Nadine Jewell, Julie Knudsen, Bill Terry, Tammy Vaughn, and Ex-Officio Kristi Wright.

Mr. John Semtner, FSB, introduced the Design Team to include: Bill Clifford, BRS, Fred Schmidt, FSB, Isaac Hines, FSB, and Randy Hill, ADG. Mr. Clifford highlighted the Norman Wellness Center presentation to include Program Goals/Values, Plans, Final Concepts, Council Approval, and the Survey. He said the schedule for the Norman Wellness Center is as follows:

- September 17, 2019            Workshop #1
- September 18, 2019            Public Meeting #1
- September 23, 2019            Online Survey Opens
- October 25, 2019                Online Survey Closes
- October 30, 2019                Public Meeting #2
- December 3, 2019                Public Meeting #3
- December 13, 2019              Draft Report
- January 14, 2020                Final Report/Council Approval

Mr. Clifford highlighted the public outreach that is planned for the Norman Wellness Center to include: Community Engagements: User Group Interviews, Three (3) Public Meetings; On-Line Survey; and Comment Cards distributed in Norman. He said the Public Meeting Comment Cards include program options; allow for write in program spaces; program space comment exercise; use at Open House and intercept events; allow write in comments on the back and also matches the on-line survey version.

Mr. Clifford said the project budget for the Norman Wellness Center includes \$800,000 for the Site Construction and \$5.2 million for the Building Construction for a total budget of \$6 million.

Mr. Clifford said those in attendance will be asked to participate in an exercise at the end of his presentation. He said there are several boards that are set up at the back of the conference room and the design team would like them to answer the following questions:

1. How do you describe where you live when you are **away** from Norman?
2. What places or events must visitors experience when they are **here** in Norman?
3. **Why** do you live in Norman?

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4. How do you want to **be** perceived as a community?
5. How do you **not** want to **be** perceived as a community?

Mr. Clifford highlighted the Reaves Park Master Plan, indicating the Norman Wellness Center will be constructed in the southwest corner of the park. He showed several pictures of Wellness/Senior Centers that the design team has designed in the following cities: Eagle View, Brighton, Colorado; The Marq at South Lake, South Lake, Texas; Westminster Village, West Lafayette, Indiana; and Thornton Active Adult Center, Thornton, Colorado. Mr. Clifford said each of the Senior Centers were unique to their environment and community pointing out the different building materials used inside as well as outside the facilities.

Mr. Clifford showed a variety of programs at each Senior Center and asked those present to envision what they would like to see at the Norman Wellness Center to include: Lounges for social gathering, board games, coffee bar, and/or reading; Community Room/Event Hall: catering kitchen, wedding receptions, large scale exercise; retirement parties; and/or performances/speakers; Kitchens: teaching kitchen, commercial kitchen, break room, food prep/warming, and include multi-use connections; Classrooms: classes/meetings, special function, small conferences, and/or serve as overflow for community room; Arts & Craft Rooms: dry/wet rooms; meeting & club space; spaces for learning and/or playing; Gymnasium: basketball, volleyball, badminton, pickleball, chair volleyball, and/or fitness classes; Indoor Running/Walking Track: walking, jogging, views to other activities, and/or shared with gymnasium; Weight Room/Cardiovascular Equipment Area: cardio training equipment, circuit resistance equipment, free weights, and/or stretching area; Aerobics/Dance/Group Exercise: group exercise, adult programs, and/or yoga and stretching; Pool: fitness swim, aqua aerobics, learn to swim, and/or competitive swim; Warm Water Wellness Pool/Aerobics: aquatic therapy, current channel, water aerobics, specialty access, and/or aquatic massage benches; Hot Water Spa/Jacuzzi: hot water and massage jets; and Childwatch/babysitting: short-term babysitting, toys, games, books and/or videos.

Mr. Clifford explained another exercise he wanted the public to participate in called the Dotocracy, stating each participant will be given seven (7) dots (stickers) and they can place a dot on what programming/activities they would most like to see at the Norman Wellness Center. He said there will be different programming spaces taped to the back windows/walls to include: kitchen area(s), pool area(s), gymnasium area(s), community spaces and game areas, arts and craft rooms, and adult lounge areas. This exercise will help the design team begin to see what the participants envision in a Wellness Center and assist the design of a wellness center to be unique and/or special to Norman.

Mr. Clifford said there will be several members of the design team passing out the dot stickers and asked the participants to place them on the programming pictures as well as answer the five (5) questions he explained earlier. The public began participating in the workshop.

Passed and approved this 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2019

Gale Hobson  
Gale Hobson, Chairperson