



# CITY OF NORMAN, OK

## AIM NORMAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - OPEN HOUSE

Development Center, Conference Room A, 225 N Webster Ave, Norman,  
OK 73069

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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### MINUTES

The AIM Norman Comprehensive Plan – Open House of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, will meet in Open House at the Development Center, Conference Room A on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Development Center at 225 N Webster Ave, Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

**The following notes were taken at topic discussion tables during the December AIM Norman Open Houses. Notes reflect public comments and input being taken into consideration while crafting AIM Norman:**

#### Land Use:

- 48th Street boundary
  - Don't like going past 48th east, but understands why
- Neighborhood services follow dw
- Like mixed use
- Transit opportunities
- Liked reserves
- Want to preserve agricultural land out east
- Keep open space protections
- Considerations for commercial to highlight Norman
- Like high density actions
- Look at revising subdivision regulations to bring back pre-1950s suburbs
  - No more cul-de-sacs, bring back the grid

#### Transportation:

- What barriers exist in Norman related to multimodal?
- Consideration for bike lanes on lower volume routes
- How does RTA fit into the plan?
- Can citizens recommend sidewalk locations? Yes!
- East Lindsay – transit and sidewalk upgrades
- Thank you for adding more likeable areas to Norman
- Would love to see events or efforts that will help people see/understand the benefits of our bus system
- Thank you for designing transit routes that are comprehensive and get people where they need to go
- How will the turnpikes be incorporated into the plan?
- Expanded transit routes
- Access to/from the Cedar Lane addition

#### Housing:

- Want to be able to have more creative uses with Zoning
  - Need for more diverse housing types for all income levels
- What are challenges to building diverse neighborhoods and how can we overcome them?
  - Lending, lot sizes, wants and needs of residents, etc.
- As new units enter the market, what are their long term use/re-use plans?
- Importance of innovation – how can Norman be a leader in Oklahoma but also the country?
- Need for rehabilitation funding for Norman's older housing stock to keep it affordable.
- Want for more protections with/from short-term rentals
- Ensure that the future land use plan is in conjunction with the housing plan and there is space for all needed units
- As new units are developed, and density is increased, how can we protect the character of existing neighborhoods?
  - Can this be accomplished in the zoning update alongside the character area map?
- Idea: Host education sessions with neighborhoods to share more information on the character area map and what it means/how it can be used in their area?
- Parking concerns with increased density, especially near campus
- Need for more enforcement of buildings/uses that do not conform to the code and/or abuse their permits

#### Stormwater:

- Add a recommendation for more money/fundraising
- Concern about water quality in urban streams (Bishop Creek specifically)
- Concern over price of the stormwater utility fee
- Is the City doing any sort of LID with city projects?
- Stormwater quality concerns with construction of the Turnpike
  - Need for wetland protection
- Canadian River is an Aquatic Resource of Concern (endangered species)
- Providing floodplain storage in park
  - Specifically Colonial Park
- Help people identify the watershed they live in and what water quality issues they may experience
- If we continue to add more retention, what is this doing to Lake Thunderbird recharge routes?
- Concerns and desires to limit growth – let other communities add housing and then come to Norman to spend money
- Education and promotion of the reality that everyone is affected by stormwater
- What is the plan for stormwater management on Griffin property?
- How does detention/retention affect infiltration/recharge?
- Stormwater utility fee lost campaign – issue with the residential area costing more than commercial. Can the price be the same for commercial and residential?

#### Water & Wastewater:

- Is Thunderbird a secure water supply long-term?
- Will the turnpike impact Thunderbird water quality?
- Do the current water rates support the Capital Improvement Plan projects?

#### Parks:

- Trail to and around Lake Thunderbird from city core
- Frances Kate Park (we love it!)
- Leas from state (4-5 years left on lease)
- Don't plant trees under high wires
- Westwood pool feels at capacity
- What about a second community pool?
- Concern about extreme heat
- Cooling is needed (easy & accessible)
- Prioritize shade! (on playgrounds)
- Structures, trees, reflective materials
- Bathrooms are needed (ie: Sutton, Saxon, Griffin, State Park) for runners & families
- Give some love to our creeks & streams
- Especially the ones in our parks
- Signage, naming, restoration
- City of festivals
- Find synergies with food, film, & music
- At least two more "destination" playgrounds
- Need on west side and north side
- Lots of PR is needed for a Norman Forward 2
- People need to know all that we do and need to get excited about future projects
- Creative use of urban areas
- Enhancements of areas for community use
- (ie: alleys, etc.)
- Future use of Frances Kate Park
- Utilize lots – activate, take advantage of infill opportunities
- Pocket parks or small sitting & gathering spaces
- Parking spaces at the neighborhood parks?
- Accessibility for the neighbors
  - Activation along the river for recreation and nature enjoyment
  - Future action on acquiring Griffin (holistically)
- High interest in getting additional land for Sutton
  - Traffic calming on Porter
  - Neighborhood engagement in future Griffin Master Plan