

Norman Forward Senior Wellness Center
Ad Hoc Advisory Group and Public Meeting
March 1, 2023

The Norman Forward Senior Wellness Center Ad Hoc Advisory Group of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met on the 1st day of March, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at 225 North Webster, 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Hobson and Members Jewell and Terry

Absent: Member Bonner and Vaughn and Ex-Officio Ross

Staff Present: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation,
Mayor Larry Heikilla
Veronica Tracy, Recreation Manager,
Karla Sitton, Administrative Technician IV

Others Present: Claire Dowers-Nichols, Healthy Living
Lane McMillion, Crossland Construction,
Chuck Thompson, Healthy Living Norman Board Member
Dave Boeck, Concerned Citizen

ITEM 1, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 25, 2022 MEETING

Member Jewell made the motion seconded by Member Terry to approve the Minutes. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairperson Hobson and Members Jewell and Terry

NAY: None

ITEM 2, being:

SENIOR CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Lane McMillion, Crossland Construction gave a progress update on the project and the interior structural work is currently underway. He said the building is estimated to be dried in from the weather in March and construction of the wellness pool has begun. Mr. McMillion said the conditioned space will be complete by April 2023, the exterior work complete by May 2023 and substantial completion of the construction is estimated to be complete by August 2023. Mr. Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation, said a ribbon-cutting will be approximately 45-60 days after substantial construction to allow Healthy Living to get the facility set up and ready to open.

Ms. Claire Dowers-Nichols, Healthy Living, asked if the depth of the pool and Staff said it is four to six feet throughout the pool and has swim lanes as well as an area for water walking.

ITEM 3, being:

CONSIDERATION OF NAMING THE SENIOR WELLNESS CENTER

Chair Hobson said the NF Senior Citizen Ad Hoc Subcommittee met February 24, 2023, to discuss a name for the Senior Wellness Center and agreed to recommend naming the new facility the Adult Wellness and Education Center, to be commonly know as the AWE.

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Ms. Veronica Tracy, Recreation Manager, showed renderings of what the proposed signage could look like at the facility. She said the full name of the facility could be on the signage with A, W, and E either highlighted, be a different font and/or bolded so it would visibly stand out. She said the renderings reflect the size of the building signage to be 1'-10" and 1'-6" font heights and the proposed monumental sign to be 6" and 4" font heights. Ms. Tracy said signage renderings just started and welcomed suggestions. The Ad Hoc Group discussed using a larger font on the facility name and/or using a different color on the letters A, W, and E. Chair Hobson liked the idea of having the acronym AWE on the building as well as the full name "The Adult Wellness and Education Center". Staff said there is a character limit and the font was designed to fit the on the proposed signage; therefore, if the font is bigger the sign may have to be enlarged as well which will increase the cost. Ms. Tracy said she would request the architect to put together a couple more options.

Staff said if the Ad Hoc Group approved the proposed facility name, it will go to the Park Board for their approval at tomorrow's meeting, March 2nd. If the Park Board approves, they can recommend the proposed facility name to Council at the March 14th City Council meeting.

Mr. Chuck Thompson suggested adding the name on the exterior side of the building as follows:

The AWE
The Adult Wellness and Education Center

The Ad Hoc discussed and agreed to Mr. Thompson's suggestion.

Member Terry made the motion seconded by Member Jewell to approve and recommend naming the Senior Wellness Center as the Adult Wellness and Education Center to be commonly known as The AWE. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH:	Chairperson Hobson and Members Jewell and Terry
NAY:	None

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Member Jewell asked about placing puzzle art at the new Adult Wellness and Education Center and Ms. Claire Dowers-Nichols, Healthy Living, said she is working with a group on interior design and will mention this to them.

Mr. Chuck Thompson, Healthy Living Norman Board Member, introduced himself to the Ad Hoc Group. He said he toured the Healthy Living Facilities in Oklahoma City and said the operator is not only wonderful but they have excellent programs at the facilities. Mr. Thompson said he looks forward to being the liaison between the Healthy Living Norman Board of Directors, the Ad Hoc Group and City of Norman.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jewell made the motion seconded by Member Terry to adjourn. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH:	Chairperson Hobson and Members Jewell and Terry
NAY:	None

Passed and approved this 27 of July 2023


Gale Hobson, Chairperson