

CITY OF NORMAN, OK
ADA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Monday, September 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM

MINUTES

The ADA Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, on the 8th day of September, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., and notice of the agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, Development Center at 225 N. Webster and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

The meeting started at 1:00 pm with Kelly Deaver, Vice Chair, facilitating as Chair.

Members Present

Kelly Deaver-Vice Chair, Tom Burke, Ella Crenshaw, Susan Favors, Sarah Hall, Chris Nanny, Janice Oak, Andrew Seamans

Members Absent

Kelli Freeman – Chair, December Ambos, Victor Long

Staff Present

Steve Guizzo, Engineering Assistant
Grace Holloman, Accessibility & Culture Coordinator
Taylor Johnson, Transit and Parking Program Manager
Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE ADA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 9, 2025

Motion was made by Chris Nanny to approve the meeting minutes for June 9, 2025, and the motion was seconded by Tom Burke. A vote was taken with the results as follows: all approved and none opposed. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

2. UPDATE ON TRANSIT PROGRAMS BY TAYLOR JOHNSON

Taylor Johnson, Transit and Parking Program Manager, said the ridership total for the Norman Embark Transit System for the Fiscal Year of 2024 to 2025 was just over 504,898 riders, an increase from the previous Fiscal Year of 403,229. This was a 25% increase. For June 2025, the last month of the Fiscal Year, there was a fixed route approximate total of 40,000 riders and an Embark PLUS ridership of 2,151. Mr. Johnson said he anticipates modest ridership growth over the coming months. For the month of July 2025, there were 42,895 Embark PLUS riders, which represented a 25% increase from July 2024. On average Mr. Johnson said that it equates to about 1,500 riders utilizing the public transit system. Currently, Embark PLUS is averaging two riders per service hour, up from one a year ago.

Mr. Johnson announced that for the Fiscal Year of 2024 to 2025, there were 45,000 riders who utilized the Norman On-Demand Service, a late night and Sunday transportation service. This increased from 25,000 the previous Fiscal Year. This service is also in partnership with the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association. For the month of July 2025, 2,792 riders utilized this service.

Mr. Johnson said the proposed Embark Well Program, which is run in Oklahoma City, provides free transit service for adults aged 60 and over to and from their nearest wellness program site. He said it is limited due to funding challenges and that discussions are ongoing to see how it can be implemented in Norman. Taylor also mentioned that he and additional staff members will apply for a grant to fund a pilot program. If the grants are not available, then Mr. Johnson and his staff will go through the city's budget process to see if funding can be found to support a pilot program.

Chris Nanny said she has been hearing compliments on the improvements that Embark has been making. Mr. Johnson said there have been productive interactions with passengers and the Adult Wellness Education Center staff, and monthly meetings will continue.

3. UPDATE ON SIDEWALK PROJECTS BY STEVE GUIZZO

Mr. Guizzo said this year work will be done in the Silk Stockings area.

Construction is complete on the East side while the West side is still ongoing.

The current start date for construction along 12th Ave NE is October 6, with work to be done between Rock Creek and Robinson. Additional work will be done along Brooks. Kelly Deaver asked if the construction along 12th Ave NE will be on the East side or in front of Sutton Wilderness. Mr. Guizzo said it will be on the entire length of West side of the street with a width of 10 feet, and only the Northern portion will be addressed on the East side.

Mr. Guizzo said the Boyd project is still in the planning phase, with summer of 2026 being the tentative project start time.

The project on 48th SE to 72nd along Hwy 9 has been pushed by ODOT and will not be presented in the TIP meeting until next month, delaying bid requests to November. Tom Burke asked if the Turnpike would have an impact on the sidewalk project. Mr. Guizzo said the Turnpike will not affect the portion they will be working on.

Mr. Guizzo reviewed last year's major completed projects, which cost a total of \$3.5 million, referring to the information presented on the power point presentation. Mr. Guizzo announced the projects this year, both completed and upcoming, will cost approximately \$9 million. Kelly Deaver asked Mr. Guizzo if he could provide a larger version of the maps he provided where the labeled streets were easier to read. Mr. Guizzo said that it is a possibility, but that it would consist of multiple pages.

Kelly Deaver took a picture of a sidewalk that needed to be replaced and invited those in her POA to take advantage of the 50/50 program. There were a couple of patrons who contacted the city and were pleased with the city's response, noting that the project is underway.

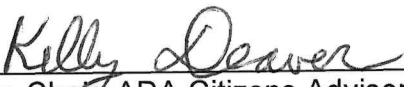
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Chris Nanny said the mayor declared July to be Disability Awareness Month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Tom Burke to adjourn the meeting, and Sue Favors seconded the motion with none opposed.



Vice-Chair, ADA Citizens Advisory Committee