



# CITY OF NORMAN, OK

## AIM NORMAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PARKS & RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Development Center, Room B, 225 N. Webster Ave., Norman, OK 73069  
Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 3:00 PM

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### MINUTES

The AIM Norman Comprehensive Plan Parks & Recreation Sub-Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in a Regular Session at the Development Center, Room B, 225 N. Webster Avenue, on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 3:00 PM and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Development Center, Room B, 225 N. Webster Avenue and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

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Chair Lee Hall called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Lee Hall  
Dennis Bringham  
Mark Nanny  
Sara Sancak  
Sherrel Sheriff

#### ABSENT

Jennifer Baker  
Marcus Madlock  
Amanda Prince

#### STAFF PRESENT

James Briggs, Parks & Recreation  
AshLynn Wilkerson, Legal  
Jason Olsen, Parks & Recreation  
Mitchell Richardson, Parks & Recreation  
Karla Sitton, Parks & Recreation

## MINUTES

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

AIM NORMAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PARKS AND RECREATION  
SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

**Motion** by Mark Nanny to approve the minutes from September 10, 2024, AIM Norman Comprehensive Plan Parks and Recreation Sub-Committee meeting, **Second** by Dennis Brigham.

***The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.***

## AGENDA ITEMS

2. GRATITUDE FROM RDG PLANNING AND DESIGN

Molly Hanson, with RDG Consultants, thanked the Sub-Committee and Staff for all of their time and work. She said she enjoyed working with everyone, and all the hard work has brought forward an incredible Park Master Plan.

3. A WORD FROM PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF

Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation, thanked the sub-committee, RDG, and staff for their work, time, and vision in putting this plan together. He said he is excited to implement the proposed Park Master Plan, which will help facilitate future park projects and include a possible Norman Forward 2 initiative.

Lee Hall, Chair, echoed her thanks to the Sub-Committee, RDG, and staff. She said she is proud of the work done on the proposed Park Master Plan and felt it will be a valuable guide for the City of Norman and the Parks & Recreation Department for the next 20 years.

4. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROPOSED PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Chair Hall said the Parks and Recreation Department does so much more than manage City parks, when in fact, they also operate recreation facilities, offer affordable childcare, look after green space and trails, host community events, and house popular arts and cultural programs that draw people to Norman. Chair Hall said a lot of data was collected to get the proposed plan in front of us, and she feels confident in its content & the information provided. She said the Park Master Plan can synergize with the other AIM Sub-Committee Plans (Stormwater, Transportation, and Water & Wastewater) and will work well together to lay a solid foundation for Norman's future.

Chair Hall said the Sub-Committee's task today is to recommend the content; however, work, changes, and/or corrections will continue to be made if necessary. She welcomed any comments or suggestions, and Member Mark Nanny said he is proud of the proposed Park Master Plan and is getting to be a part of the process. He felt the photos included throughout the plan were amazing and thanked Member Dennis Brigham for gathering them. Member Sherrel Sheriff asked if the pictures could be captioned to reflect what park and/or facilities they were taken at, and staff said that might be a possibility. She also asked whether the maps on pages 20 to 33 could be made easier to read, and Chair Hall agreed but said the proposed plan would also be in an electronic format, enabling the user to enlarge the maps.

**Motion** by Sherrel Sheriff to approve and recommend the proposed Park Master Plan, **Second** by Dennis Brigham.

***The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.***

Chair Hall invited the Members to attend the public presentations this evening at the Young Family Athletic Center (YFAC) and tomorrow at the City of Norman Development Center. She said the next steps include presenting the proposed Park Master Plan at the following:

- January 7, 2025 - Study Session to City Council
- April 3, 2025 - Board of Park Commissioners for recommendation to City Council
- May 20, 2025 - City Council meeting for consideration of final adoption

Jason Olsen encouraged the Members to attend the presentations and meetings as they could help answer questions and/or give information about the proposed Park Master Plan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 3:29 PM.

## **CELEBRATION – SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS**

Chair Hall invited everyone in attendance to stay for snacks and refreshments.