



# CITY OF NORMAN, OK

## AIM NORMAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - OPEN HOUSE

Young Family Athletic Center, NMotion Classroom, 2201 Trae Young Drive, Norman, OK 73069

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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### MINUTES

The AIM Norman Comprehensive Plan – Open House of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Open House at the Young Family Athletic Center, on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Young Family Athletic Center, 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