

CITY OF NORMAN, OK ADA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Monday, December 9, 2024 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 9th day of December, 2024, 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 1:02 pm with Grace Holloman facilitating as Acting Chair.

Members Present

Tom Burke
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Chris Nanny
Wanda Felty
Victor Long
Kelly Deaver
Sarah Hall
Janice Oak

Members Absent

Nelson Dent – Chair Susan Favors Kelli Freeman

Staff Present

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

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, MEETING

Motion was made by Sarah Hall to approve the meeting minutes for September 9, 2024, and the motion was seconded by Chris Nanny. A vote was taken with the results as follows: all approved and none opposed. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF 2025 CALENDAR YEAR SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Motion was made by Victor Long to approve the 2025 calendar year schedule of regular meetings, and the motion was seconded by Tom Burke. A vote was taken with the results as follows: all approved and none opposed. The 2025 calendar of regular meetings were approved by unanimous vote.

- 3. UPDATE ON TRANSIT PROGRAM BY TAYLOR JOHNSON
- October marked one year since route changes, 38% increase:
 - o October 2023 total: 34,000 rides
 - o October 2024 total: 47,000 rides
- On demand rides have seen a 62% increase over the past year:
 - o 2023: 2,500
 - o 2024: 4,145
- Embark is working on paratransit software for scheduling and to optimize the service.
- Paratransit ride numbers are at 2,642.
- A wheelchair accessible vehicle has been requested 36 times so far this year.
- Transit Transition Plan: Continue to remediate bus stops as funding becomes available and will continue to address any issues as promptly as possible.

Question(s):

Have the numbers in drinking and driving been reduced because of the ondemand service? (Wanda Felty)

We can look into those numbers.

What is the update on security at the Transit Center? (Kelly Deaver & Chris Nanny)

Embark gave proposed cost to Council and will move forward working with Embark on said proposal. Right now security is there 8 hours a day. If there is any issue that cannot be de-escalated the police can be called.

Does Embark website have a Norman page? (Tom Burke) Yes, Embark Website has a Norman page embarkok.com/norman.

Will there be a bus that goes from Norman to OKC on Saturday? (Janice Oak) That route is very expensive to operate. Embark may look for a way to best service the need.

Mobility management & riders learning how to use public transportation. (Miranda Hooper)

Talking with staff to add in Norman, but it may be Cleveland County wide and not just in Norman. Also that rider trainer is in the works.

- 4. UPDATE ON COMPLETED AND UPCOMING SIDEWALK PROJECTS BY STEVE GUIZZO
- Approximately 40% finished with the 50/50 program.
- Project on Mimosa is complete.
- Lindsey Street project is still in track and waiting to go to bid in January.
 March/April anticipated construction timeline.
- There will be late summer projects happening, will update as those begin to happen.
- Redoing sidewalk between Fay and Jones.
- Berry and Brooks in neighborhood project has been funded by ODOT.

Question(s):

Backend parking on Gray, what is the update on that project? (Kelly Deaver) The Capitol Projects Engineer can answer all questions about the project on Gray Street. The contactor knows the importance of accessibility and the parking spots are being designed to be ADA compliant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. 2025 CLEVELAND COUNTY DISABILITY RESOURCE FAIR

The date for the 3rd Annual Cleveland County disABILITY Resource Fair is Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at The Well. Also, Developmental Disability Day will be held at the Capitol on Monday, March 24, 2025.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Tom Burke to adjourn the meeting as all items on the agenda were completed, and the motion was seconded by Victor Long. None apposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Acting Chair, ADA Citizens Advisory Committee