

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, NAMING THE DOWNTOWN ARTS DISTRICT "THE WALKER ARTS DISTRICT" IN MEMORY OF LARRY P. WALKER TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPACT HE MADE ON SO MANY PROJECTS DEDICATED TO THE ARTS IN NORMAN.

- § 1. The Norman Arts Council and the Norman Public Arts Board are requesting that the Downtown Arts District be named "The Walker Arts District" to emphasize the impact Larry P. Walker made on so many projects dedicated to the arts in Norman and to keep his legacy alive; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Larry Walker was an active volunteer in the Norman arts community for over 40 years up until his sudden passing on October 8, 2017; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the Public Arts Board, a subcommittee of the Norman Arts Council, was established by the City of Norman on August 8, 2007, to integrate public art into public places throughout the City and Larry was appointed Chairman and remained the chair until his passing; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Larry served on the Norman Arts Council Board for over 11 years and during this time served as Secretary, Grants Committee Chair, Bylaws Chair, and President and when he wasn't on the Board, he continued to be an active volunteer for the Norman Arts Council; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, he served on the Norman Arts Council Art and Humanities Roundtable for over 30 years; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, he was an active volunteer for the University of Oklahoma Opera Theatre Guild, offering his services as a hairdresser to the make-up and wigs department; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, he was recognized for his work in 1995 when he received the Norman Arts Council and Norman Chamber of Commerce "Business Person in the Arts" award; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, he was further recognized for his work at the State level in 2010 when he received the Governor's Arts Award; and
- § 9. WHEREAS, his work in the arts in Norman can be seen in every bike rack, every duck, every sculpture, and every grant given to a Norman arts organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 10. That the Downtown Arts District be named "The Walker Arts District" in honor of Larry P. Walker's unwavering dedication and contributions to the Public Arts Board, the Norman Arts Council, and the Arts in Norman.
- § 11. "The Walker Arts District" will encompass the areas between University Boulevard on the west; Carter Avenue on the East; Acres Street on the north; and Eufaula Street on the south.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

