

**NORMAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**MARCH 14, 2013**

The Planning Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and online at <http://www.normanok.gov/content/boards-commissions> at least twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Chairman Chris Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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Item No. 1, being:

**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Curtis McCarty  
Jim Gasaway  
Roberta Pailes  
Sandy Bahan  
Tom Knotts  
Chris Lewis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andy Sherrer  
Cindy Gordon  
Dave Boeck

A quorum was present.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Connors, Director, Planning &  
Community Development  
Jane Hudson, Principal Planner  
Janay Greenlee, Planner II  
Ken Danner, Subdivision Development  
Manager  
Roné Tromble, Recording Secretary  
Leah Messner, Asst. City Attorney  
Larry Knapp, GIS Analyst II  
Terry Floyd, Development Coordinator

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Item No.11, being:

**ORDINANCE NO. O-1213-39 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REPEALING AND REPLACING APPENDIX F OF CHAPTER 22 (ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.**

**ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD:**

1. Staff Report
2. Annotated Ordinance

**PRESENTATION BY STAFF:**

1. Janay Greenlee – This item appears due to the adoption of Resolution No. R-1213-99. City Council approved that on February 26, 2013. Number 11 of this resolution states: "That City Staff is directed to draft an amendment to Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances that updates the list of approved plants" – which is Appendix F – "for new commercial developments within the City of Norman in accordance with this Resolution." Appendix F of Chapter 22 was revised to satisfy this resolution. The amended plant list contains plants that are drought tolerant or Oklahoma proven, and recommending species that are drought tolerant require less water, thus creating more of a sustainable urban landscape. You do have the revised Appendix F in your packet.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

1. Mr. McCarty – I'm not a tree expert, but I see a Populus Cottonwood. Is that a seedless cottonwood? Ms. Greenlee – I believe that would be on the not recommended list in Section A. Mr. McCarty – You're right. I was looking in the wrong section.

2. Mr. Knotts – Did you come up with this, or did it come from a list? Ms. Greenlee – Actually, Oklahoma proven species are adopted by the Oklahoma State Department of Forestry and OSU, so it's a compilation of trees and shrubs that have proven to be drought tolerant and sustainable. It came from their list. You can compare the two lists. Many of the shrubs and trees that were in the original Appendix F also are in the revised, because there were some that definitely fit our climate perfectly. There were some additions to help broaden our plant pallet. Mr. Knotts – And this is a recommendation only. Right? Ms. Greenlee – Correct. Any plant species that's brought before us in landscape review for commercial development, as long as they meet criteria that they are adaptable and suitable for Oklahoma climate, we're more than happy to add them.

3. Ms. Pailes – So more than what is here could be appropriate? Ms. Greenlee – That is correct. Ms. Pailes – You can't help but wonder where the Cross-Timber species – since we're in the Cross-Timbers – like Black Jack and hackberry – and some of those wouldn't be appropriate because they drop stuff. Ms. Greenlee – All of the native oak species would be acceptable.

*Jim Gasaway moved to recommend adoption of Ordinance No. O-1213-39 to the City Council. Roberta Pailes seconded the motion.*

There being no further discussion, a vote on the motion was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Curtis McCarty, Jim Gasaway, Roberta Pailes, Sandy Bahan, Tom Knotts, Chris Lewis
NAYES	None
MEMBERS ABSENT	Andy Sherrer, Cindy Gordon, Dave Boeck

Ms. Tromble announced that the motion, to recommend approval of Ordinance No. O-1213-39 to City Council, passed by a vote of 6-0.

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