

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

Debbie Hoover was re-elected as Chair and Jeff Salmond was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Board of Parks Commissioners. Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, informed the Board that the RFP for design firms for Reaves Park and Griffin Park sport complexes have been issued. Chairman Hoover volunteered to serve on the Reaves Park Ad Hoc Committee and Commissioner Salmond volunteered to serve on the Griffin Park Ad Hoc Committee.

FEBRUARY

Appreciation plaques were presented to Heather Millar and Michael Douglas in appreciation of their service to the City of Norman Board of Parks Commission, leaving two (2) vacant positions. The Board recommended a request by a developer to acquire public property at the Classen Landing Addition, located on the east side of Classen Boulevard and north of Lindsey Street, with the stipulation that it remains as open green space in the platting configuration and that any trees that are removed will be replaced.

Jason Olsen, Whittier Recreation Center Supervisor, presented an overview of the Parks and Recreation activities over the past year and said the new recreation brochure is now available on-line. The Board voted to approve the Sub-Committee Appointments.

MARCH

Guy Miller, Treasurer of the Norman Amateur Softball Foundation presented the 2017 annual report. Judith Wilkins, Sutton Wilderness Advisory Committee member, presented an update from the Sutton Wilderness Advisory Committee. Rick Parish, Head Golf Professional and Ralph Cagigal, Golf Maintenance Superintendent, presented activities for the Westwood Golf Course. B.J. Brewer, Parks and Recreation Sports Coordinator, presented an update of the 2017 Youth Baseball/Softball Program. James Briggs, City of Norman Park Planner, presented an update of the Norman Forward Neighborhood Projects. The Board welcomed new member Susan Favors.

APRIL

Executive Director Douglas Elder presented the 2017 annual report for The Firehouse Art Center. Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update of Norman Forward activities to include the East Library Branch, Griffin Park Plan, Reaves Park Plan, and Westwood Aquatic Center

MAY

Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a power point giving an overview of the different divisions in the Parks and Recreation Department, their roles, responsibilities, and funding, as well as the Parkland Development Fees, Parkland Dedication ordinance, and duties of the Park Board Members. The Park Board had a Park Tour following the meeting and Staff took the Board to the following: Sonoma, Parkhill Park, Red Canyon Ranch, Highland Village, Trail Woods, Little River Trails, Redlands, Ruby Grant, Brookhaven, and Westwood. The Board welcomed new member Bud Dolan.

JUNE

(6-1-17) Planning Design Group (PDG) presented a power point giving an overview of the Norman Forward Griffin Park Sports Complex and the Board voted to recommend the Griffin Park Sports Complex Plan. Jennifer Baker, Executive Director for the Sooner Theatre presented the 2017 annual report for the theatre. Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation provided an update of the Norman Forward activities and projects.

(6-8-17 Special Meeting) The Board recommended accepting a Fee-In-Lieu decision for Tecumseh Pointe Addition.

JULY

There was no meeting in July.

AUGUST

There was no meeting in August.

SEPTEMBER

Shari Jackson, Executive Director of the Depot, presented the 2017 annual report for the Santa Fe Depot. Nate Clair with HALFF Associates presented a power point highlighting the Norman Forward Reaves Park Sports Complex Master Plan. The Board voted to recommend the Reaves Park Sports Complex Master Plan. Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation and James Briggs, Parks and Recreation Park Planner, provided an update on the Norman Forward activities and projects.

OCTOBER

Tiffany Earhart with the Little Axe Youth Sports presented the 2017 annual report to the Board. Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update on the Norman Forward activities and projects.

NOVEMBER

An appreciation plaque was presented to Elizabeth London in appreciation of her service to the City of Norman Board of Parks Commission. Christy Fuentes, President of the Norman Youth Soccer Association presented the 2017 annual report to the Board. Rob Million, President of the Cleveland County Historical Society presented the 2017 annual report to the Board. Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided a summary of the off-leash dog request received by a Norman resident proposing to allow off leash dogs at Sutton Wilderness area during specific times. The Board voted to reject the proposal. Jud Foster updated the Board on Norman Forward activities and projects.

DECEMBER

Matthew Hendren, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, spoke to the board regarding the operations of Park Maintenance and an overview of the Vector Control program. Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, updated the Board on Norman Forward activities and projects.