



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12-05-2024

REQUESTER: Bethany Grissom, Park Planner

PRESENTER: Kristen Byers, Project Applicant

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE REQUEST FROM KRISTEN BYERS TO INSTALL A "LITTLE LIBRARY" IN RUBY GRANT PARK

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Recreation Department adopted the Project in the Park application process in 2023, on the recommendation of the Park Board of Commissioners. Residents and local citizen groups can propose and execute small projects within our parks that align with departmental goals through this process.

DISCUSSION:

Kristen Byers approached the Parks and Recreation Department with a project proposal to install a "Little Library" in October 2024. This installation would consist of a wooden box with an operable door on a wooden post installed in the ground with a metal bracket. The purpose of this installation is to provide a location for people to exchange books freely. "Little Library" locations exist in other parks, including Rotary Park, Oakhurst Park and Lions Park. Staff will assist with determining the park's exact location for placement and installation to ensure it meets departmental standards.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Park Board of Commissioners recommend the Director of Parks and Recreation approve the "Little Library" Project in Ruby Grant Park.