



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08/07/2025

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks & Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT FOR THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO HONOR THE AIM PARKS SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT AND DEDICATED WORK ON THE AIM PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN

BACKGROUND:

In 2023, the City of Norman launched an Area and Infrastructure Master Plan, the AIM Norman Master Plan. The Master Plan comprises seven distinct elements of City infrastructure, services, and growth. The goal was to ensure they align seamlessly with one another, including Land Use, Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Housing, Transportation, and Parks. The AIM Norman Master Plan(s) were guided by RDG Planning and Design, Inc., and Garver, in close partnership with City staff. The AIM Norman Master Plans included several citizen-led Steering Committees that met over 16-20 months to discuss and help create their individual infrastructure (7) plans. These seven plans will synergize with one another, help shape the community over the next two decades, and provide essential guidance to City leaders and decision-makers as we plan for the future.

DISCUSSION:

Between January 2024 and December 2024, the AIM Parks Sub-Committee had several meetings, including open houses to gain public input, to discuss five plan objections as follows:

- 1) Maintain, Update & Improve the Norman Park System;
- 2) Support & Elevate the Organizations that Contribute to Arts and Culture in Norman;
- 3) Update & Modernize Policies;
- 4) Opportunities for Connection & Growth; and
- 5) Protect Natural Resources

After months of study and public input, the AIM Park Sub-Committee presented a draft AIM Parks, Recreation & Cultural Master Plan to the Board of Park Commissioners at a Joint meeting on September 10, 2024, and to Council at a City Council Study Session on January 7, 2025. The AIM Parks Sub-Committee submitted recommendations for consideration, including specific updates and improvements to Norman's park system, protection of natural resources, and elevating the community's arts and cultural organizations.

On April 3, 2025, the Norman Board of Park Commissioners voted unanimously to approve and recommended that the City Council adopt the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan.

On May 8, 2025, the Norman Planning Commission unanimously approved and recommended Resolution R-2425-107, adopting the AIM Norman Parks, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan, to the Norman City Council.

On June 24, 2025, the Norman City Council unanimously approved Resolution R-2425-107 and adopted the AIM Norman Parks, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan.

The Norman Board of Park Commissioners, along with the Parks and Recreation staff, would like to recognize the AIM Parks Sub-Committee for their commitment to put together the AIM Norman Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Master Plan. Norman is very fortunate to have a dedicated group of neighbors and friends who have a passion and vision for the future of the Norman parks system.