



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
ADA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069
Monday, June 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM

MINUTES

The ADA Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, on the 8th day of June 2026, at 1:00 p.m., and notice of the agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, Development Center at 225 N. Webster and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

The meeting started at 1:03 pm with Kelli Freeman—Chair, facilitating.

Members Present

Kelli Freeman – Chair, Kelly Deaver – Vice Chair, December Ambos, Tom Burke, Sarah Hall, Victor Long, Chris Nanny, Janice Oak, Andrew Seamans

Members Absent

Susan Favors

Staff Present

Tim Miles, City Engineer
Grace Holloman, Accessibility and Culture Coordinator
Taylor Johnson, Transit and Parking Program Manager
Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney
BJ Brewer – Admin Tech III

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE ADA COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR MARCH 9, 2026

Motion was made by Tom Burke to approve the minutes for March 9, 2026, and the motion was seconded by Sarah Hall with none opposed.

ACTION ITEMS

2. UPDATE ON TRANSIT PROGRAMS

Taylor Johnson, Transit and Parking Program Manager, presented an update on the Transit System numbers. The Embark Norman ridership numbers are approximately 19,000-20,000 year-to-date, indicating continued growth and utilization of the system. Embark Norman Plus Service has increased by about 400 people. Overall ridership has decreased by about 15,000 compared to the previous year. Potential reasons for the decrease include the elimination of the "six free promo rides" for new sign-ups, which had some associated fraud, a \$1.00 fare increase implemented in September 2025, and reduced marketing efforts due to previously high demand. Future plans include increasing marketing efforts over the summer and into the fall. Service hours can be scaled up if demand increases.

The City of Norman was unsuccessful in securing a \$100,000 TSET grant for the "Well Program", which provides rides for seniors to wellness locations. The city did receive a grant for playground improvements at Reaves Park.

To improve customer service feedback, signage is being placed on larger buses, and QR codes have been added to Embark Plus vehicles allowing riders to scan and access a customer service feedback form.

A suggestion was made to create a public news release about the accessibility improvements on Johnson Street. Taylor Johnson stated he would ask communications staff and look at ways we can communicate this.

3. UPDATE ON SIDEWALK PROJECTS

Tim Miles, City Engineer, presented an update on Infrastructure and Sidewalk Projects. Approximately 70 issues were addressed through the city's 50/50 cost-share program. The amount allocated for the citywide 50/50 sidewalk program is \$125,000 for next year. Improvements were made between Porter and Adult Wellness Education Center along Johnson Street and Wellness Way. The project on Brooks between Wiley Road and Piccadilly involving new sidewalks is 95% complete and will be finished in the next few weeks. An upcoming project to add a 10-foot trail continuation on Highway 9 towards Thunderbird is under construction. A project along

72nd Avenue has been designed, but construction was delayed due to budget constraints. It is now under construction.

A question was raised about the lack of a sidewalk on the private driveway into the Walmart parking lot from Main Street. The city investigated and it was confirmed that is 100% private property. Any construction of a sidewalk would need to be initiated by the property owners along the private drive.

Tim Miles acknowledged the concern about a pole in the middle of a section of sidewalk along Main Street, but there are no immediate plans to remove it at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Victor Long expressed interest in continuing as a member of the committee. His reappointment will be decided on or after the 23rd. Chris Nanny noted that someone has expressed interest in joining the committee. Grace confirmed there is possibly one open spot and that interested individuals should submit an online application for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Kelly Deaver and the motion was seconded by Victor Long with none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Chair, ADA Citizens Advisory Committee