



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08-01-2024

REQUESTER: Mitchell Richardson, Recreation Manager

PRESENTER: Mitchell Richardson, Recreation Manager

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE REAVES PARK BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT.

BACKGROUND:

In 2023, the City of Norman Parks Department published an RFP for an operator for the Reaves Park Building in the southeast portion of the Park. Center for Children and Families (CCFI) and the Boys and Girls Club of Norman submitted a proposal for the building to return its usage to its original purpose as a Teen Center.

Zena's Kitchen is a project spearheaded by Assignment Hope International, Inc., aimed at renovating the kitchen at the Reaves Park Building. This initiative is part of a broader effort to refurbish the entire building in collaboration with the CCFI and the Boys and Girls Club in Norman. The project managers have diligently prepared a comprehensive plan and budget to ensure the successful implementation of this kitchen renovation project. This project represents a significant donation to the City of Norman, with all necessary funds secured by Assignment Hope International, Inc., requiring no additional financial support from the city.

DISCUSSION:

Zena's Kitchen is set to provide a state-of-the-art kitchen facility that can be utilized for community events, cooking classes, and other recreational activities, thereby enhancing the amenities available at Reaves Park and promoting increased usage and community involvement.

This initiative aligns with our city's health and wellness goals by promoting healthy cooking and eating habits. The kitchen will provide educational opportunities through cooking classes and workshops, fostering valuable skills within the community.

The projected total cost of the renovations to the Reaves Park kitchen is \$30,610.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Norman Board of Parks Commissioners approve the donation of \$30,610 for the renovation of the kitchen in the Reaves Park Building.