



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/14/2025

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM MOORE-LINDSAY HISTORICAL HOUSE MUSEUM TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

BACKGROUND:

The Moore-Lindsay Historical House Museum (MLHHM) opened in 1975 and is operated by the Cleveland County Historical Society. The MLHHM, located at 508 N. Peters Street, is a beautiful Victorian home that depicts the history of Norman from approximately 1890 to 1910. In the 1970s, when citizens in cities and towns across the United States became concerned about the deteriorating condition of older historical homes in their areas, many state and city governments formed historical preservation committees to help organize the preservation of homes and designate historic districts. Norman was one of those communities. The mayor of Norman set up the "Mayor's Committee on Historic Preservation" with the goal to back citizen's efforts to preserve the history of Norman through its architecture. Working with members of the Historical Society, the city of Norman purchased the Moore-Lindsay House at 508 N. Peters in 1973. Soon after the purchase, the City allocated funds to renovate the House to its original Victorian style, which represents the early settlement and statehood of Oklahoma.

DISCUSSION:

The City has a contract with the Norman and Cleveland County Historical Society to operate the Moore-Lindsay Historical House Museum (MLHHM) and maintain artifacts, displays, and offer guided tours, programming and education related to the early days and historical development of the City of Norman and of Cleveland County. MLHHM gave its annual presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners on August 7, 2025. Their presentation included information about their events, programming, rentals, and 2023-2024 financials.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Moore-Lindsay Historical House Museum annual report for the 2024 calendar year