



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 03/25/2025

**REQUESTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

**PRESENTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE SANTA FE DEPOT TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Built in 1909, the Historic Santa Fe Train Depot served continuously until passenger service ended in 1979. During the 1980s, a concerned group of Norman residents oversaw the restoration of the Depot. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Depot resumed its original use in 1999 when passenger service was restored to Norman. After being closed for a short time for additional remodeling, the Norman Santa Fe Depot reopened in 2003 to serve the community as the rail station, an art gallery, and a performance venue, with the Performing Arts Studio as the operator working with the Parks Department to offer these services.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Santa Fe Depot is an agency that requests and receives annual funding from the City of Norman. The Santa Fe Depot gave its annual presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners on February 6, 2025. Their presentation included information about their events, programming, rentals, and 2023-2024 financials.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Santa Fe Depot's annual report for the 2024 calendar year.