



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/03/2026

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Amy Pence, Manager, Moore-Lindsay Historical House Museum

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM MOORE-LINDSAY HISTORICAL HOUSE MUSEUM

DISCUSSION:

The Moore-Lindsay Historical House Museum is operated by the Cleveland County Historical Society (CCHS), and their mission is to research, preserve, and publicize the history of Cleveland County, Oklahoma. The Moore-Lindsay Historical House Museum 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. The historical house opened in 1975. The Moore-Lindsay House offers guided tours, events and exhibits and curates a welcoming, engaging, educational experience of the history of Norman, Cleveland County, and Oklahoma Territory.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submitting the Moore-Lindsay Historical House Museum annual report to City Council once the Board of Park Commissioners accepts the annual report.