



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 02/05/2026

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Shari Jackson, Executive Director, Santa Fe Depot

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE SANTA FE DEPOT

DISCUSSION:

Built in 1909, the Historic Santa Fe Train Depot served continuously until passenger service ended in 1979. During the 1980s, a concerned group of citizens oversaw the depot's restoration. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the depot resumed its original use when passenger service was restored to Norman. Today, the Depot also serves as the Performing Arts Studio, which acts as both an art gallery and a performance venue. The studio features rotating gallery exhibitions, two live music series - the Summer Breeze Concerts and Winter Wind Concerts - and the "Second Sunday" poetry readings. The Depot is also available to rent. The Performing Arts Studio, located in the historic Norman Depot, not only provides a unique venue for concerts and gallery exhibitions, but also manages the rental of the Depot for weddings, meetings, parties, and other events. A Norman treasure, the Depot can provide the atmosphere to make your event truly special. Office hours are 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving and submitting the Santa Fe Depot's annual report to the City Council once the Board of Park Commissioners has accepted the annual report.