



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09-05-2024

REQUESTER: Bethany Grissom, Park Planner

PRESENTER: Debra Goit, Project Applicant

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE REQUEST FROM DEBRA GOIT TO INSTALL A "TELEPHONE OF THE WIND" IN RUBY GRANT PARK

BACKGROUND:

The Project in the Park application process was adopted by the Parks and Recreation Department in 2023, on the recommendation of the Park Board of Commissioners. Through this process citizens and local citizen groups can propose and execute small projects within our parks that align with departmental goals.

Debra Goit approached the Parks and Recreation Department with a project application to install a "Telephone of the Wind" in July 2024. This installation would consist of a wooden bench and a non-working telephone in a wooden case. The purpose of this installation is to give people a place where they can commune with and remember loved ones who have passed away. Parks staff have been working with Debra on project refinement and project location. Staff will also assist with the installation to ensure it meets departmental standards.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Park Board of Commissioners recommend the Director of Parks and Recreation approve the "Telephone of the Wind" Project in the Park.