



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/22/2026

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, REJECTION, 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 historic homes in their areas, many state and city governments formed historical preservation committees to help preserve homes and designate historic districts. Norman was one of those communities. The mayor of Norman established the "Mayor's Committee on Historic Preservation" to support Norman residents' efforts to preserve the city's history 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 in its original Victorian style, which reflects Oklahoma's early settlement and statehood.

DISCUSSION:

The City has Contract K-8384-49 with the Cleveland County Historical Society to operate the Moore-Lindsay Historical House Museum (MLHHM), maintain artifacts and displays, and offer guided tours, programming, and education related to the early days and historical development of the City of Norman and Cleveland County. MLHHM gave its annual presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners on September 3, 2026. Their presentation included information about their events, programming, rentals, and 2024-2025 financials.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Moore-Lindsay Historical House Museum's annual report for the 2025 calendar year.