



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/01/2026

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Jessica Knehans, Administrator, Norman Youth Soccer Association

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE NORMAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

DISCUSSION:

Norman Youth Soccer Association (NYSA)/Oklahoma Celtic, based in Norman, OK, was founded in 1976 by Bob Shalhope and Gordon Drummond, who wanted an activity for children to play. The club started with 200 recreational players and has grown to 2,344 recreational players and 1,000 competitive and academy players. Intending to create opportunities in soccer for all levels and commitments, the club offers recreational soccer to adults. Oklahoma Celtic is recognized as a Players First Club and a proud ECNL Regional League member.

The club complex is at 1001 East Robinson St. in Norman, Oklahoma. We have 22 full-size fields, 16 of which have lights. The complex is one of the best in the region!

NYSA/Oklahoma Celtic has grown into what it is today through strong leadership from its board and staff and great support from families and the community. We strive to follow the club's mission, vision, and core values to help impact children and create the best experiences possible.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submitting the NYSA/Oklahoma Celtic annual report to the City Council once the Board of Park Commissioners accepts the annual report.