



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
FLOODPLAIN PERMIT COMMITTEE MEETING
Development Center, Conference Room B, 225 N. Webster Avenue,
Norman, OK 73069
Monday, November 6, 2023 at 3:30 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Scott Sturtz at 3:30 p.m. Roll was called and 6 members were present with 1 absent, Shawn O'Leary. Others in attendance included, Todd McLellan, Development Engineer; Joseph Hill, Streets Program Manager; Jason Murphy, Stormwater Program Manager; Kim Freeman, Staff; Sallie Kennedy, Resident; Jim Allen, Resident; Lollie Lenker, Resident; Maureen Magovern, Resident; Jim Magovern, Resident; Sue Matheny, Resident.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting

Mr. Sturtz called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 5, 2023. Ms. Stansel asked for a correction to a typo on page 4. Mr. Scanlon motioned to approve the minutes with the correction and was seconded by Ken Danner. The minutes were approved 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Floodplain Permit No. 683

Mr. Sturtz said the Applicant and Engineer is the City of Norman and the Contractor is Cimarron Construction. Mr. Sturtz asked Mr. Murphy to present the staff report. Mr. Murphy said City of Norman, Department of Public Works is the Applicant. This permit is for the City of Norman Bridge Maintenance Program, and is similar to the previous 4 years. Lochner completed the Bridge Safety Inspections in 2021, and provided the inspection reports to city staff. Staff reviewed the information and prioritized the bridges on the list. This application is for up to 20 bridges. If all bridges are not completed this year, the remaining bridges will roll into the next fiscal year. Work will start at the highest priority bridge, moving down the list, performing maintenance work to ensure the bridges are safe. In some cases, that may include needing to get in the channel.

Mr. Murphy reviewed plans and aerial maps of the project locations provided to members in their packets.

Mr. Murphy noted that bridges listed in the Vineyards subdivision on Nantucket Blvd are not part of the Bridge Maintenance Program. The maintenance on these bridges is similar work that will be performed by the Stormwater division.

Mr. Scanlon asked if the list provided to the committee in their packets was prioritized and Mr. Murphy and Mr. Hill confirmed it is not a prioritized list.

Mr. Murphy confirmed all ordinance requirements have been met and said staff recommends Floodplain Permit Application No. 683 be approved.

Mr. Sturtz asked for comments or questions from the committee. Hearing none, Mr. Sturtz called for any public comments. Mr. Allen, resident, said he owns 32 acres north of Prairie Creek and his property has been turned into a catch basin between Highway 9 and 156th. He's met with City of Norman and ODOT engineers and they refuse to put a tinnhorn at 156th and Highway 9. He said it's not uncommon for 156th to be closed due to flood water. Mr. Allen said ODOT will not change their plans since they were submitted to the City of Norman and the City of Norman signed off on it. Mr. Sturtz said he would have to look into it as the City Engineer he has not seen their plans. Mr. Sturtz asked for confirmation of the work being done at 156th and Prairie Creek. Mr. Hill said it sounds like part of the issue is run off related to Highway 9 which the City of Norman has no control over. Mr. Sturtz said we would need to do some digging on that. Mr. Allen said he is happy to meet with anyone on his property. Mr. Murphy said the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) recently reached out to the City because ODOT has to get their Floodplain permits through the State, which is OWRB. The particular Floodplain permits for their expansion of Highway 9 is on their agenda. OWRB has a meeting similar to this one where Mr. Allen could express his concern about the work they're doing with the permit they're applying for. Mr. Allen asked Mr. Murphy if he could help him get the information for OWRB. Mr. Murphy confirmed he could help after the meeting. Mr. Sturtz said we would look into it and Mr. Hill will get with Mr. Allen after the meeting as well. Mr. Sturtz asked for any other public comments. Mr. Magovern, resident, said he lives on NE 48th Street between Robinson and Rock Creek and our land is next to the bridge. Mr. Magovern said he received a letter about the permit and would like more information. Ms. Magovern, resident, said she has a question regarding the hash marks on the map included with their letter. Mr. Murphy said he would review the letter with her after the meeting to discuss. Ms. Magovern wanted to know if they were going to dig up her property where the hash marks are on the map. Mr. Sturtz said we are not doing any work outside the stream channel. The work is only being done at the bridge, in the stream channel or in the roadway. Ms. Magovern said on the east side of the bridge, when they changed the channel of the creek and where they put the new bridge in, there's a lot erosion on their side. For some reason there's a lot of rip rap on the east side and the west side there's not. There's been a lot of erosion into the stream from the property just outside our land. Mr. Hill said that specific bridge is only getting deck repair and there's no work planned off the roadway for that location. Ms. Magovern asked if in the future that could be added to keep the erosion from continuing. Mr. Hill said he's been out to the bridge and believes the erosion Ms. Magovern is talking about is on private property. Mr. Sturtz asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, Mr. Sturtz brought it back to the committee. Mr. Danner motioned to approve Floodplain Application No. 683. Mr. Scanlon seconded the motion with a question. Mr. Scanlon asked how to treat Mr. Allen's bridge. Mr. Sturtz said he can't answer that because we don't know what the problem is. Mr. Scanlon asked if it should be included in approval if we don't know. Mr. Danner said it's not part of this. Ms. Hoggatt asked if he thought it was separate from this item. Mr. Sturtz asked for the confirmation of the bridge in question. Mr. Hill said this program is for maintenance of existing structures. Maintenance planned for this bridge is rip rap refreshment according to the inspection report, crack repair and sealing of the wing walls and surface of the structure. Mr. Scanlon asked if we are within our responsibility as far as bridge repair is concerned and another state agency needs to play a role and that's the information. Mr. Allen said there's a concrete culvert wall that is probably 2 foot high and upstream, it fills with sediment and stands in water for the bulk of the year. Mr. Scanlon asked if working on that is not part of this plan at all. Mr. Hill confirmed this is general maintenance to preexisting structures existing condition. If there is something on private property or outside of the right of way or that structure, it doesn't

fall in line with this. If there is a future proposal for improvement to Highway 9 that changes conditions then we will need to reassess. Mr. Scanlon said he is trying to figure out what we are approving. Mr. Sturtz said this is just the maintenance on the bridge structure. Mr. Scanlon said he seconded the motion and doesn't have any reservation about that second. The committee voted to approve the application 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Mr. Murphy said the November 20th meeting is cancelled due to lack of applications.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sturtz called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Scanlon motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Danner. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024

City of Norman Floodplain Administrator, Shawn O'Leary