



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/08/2026

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM FIREHOUSE ART CENTER TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

BACKGROUND:

The Norman Firehouse Art Center (FAC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 1970 as a community arts center, operating out of a vacated, city-owned building that previously served as a fire station. The facility has since been transformed into a house of professional visual arts studios, which accommodate both adult and youth art education programming, a gift shop, and a dedicated exhibition gallery space. The FAC provides art education programming in Norman public elementary schools and serves as a partner to many community events.

DISCUSSION:

The City has a Lease Agreement, K-2627-25, with FAC and pursuant to that agreement, FAC is able to receive supportive funding from the City, through Funding Disbursement Agreements (the current Funding Disbursement Agreement, K-2324-41), to assist with the operation of the Center, including the visual arts studios, adult and youth art education programs, a gift shop, and an exhibition gallery. FAC gave its annual presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners on August 6, 2026. Their presentation included information about their events, programming, rentals, and 2024-2025 financials.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Firehouse Art Center annual report for the 2025 calendar year.