



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 10/08/2024

**REQUESTER:** Jeanne Snider, Assistant City Attorney

**PRESENTER:** Jeanne Snider, Assistant City Attorney

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,125.49 FROM THE ESTATE OF SANDRA "SANDY" DIANNE MCPHERSON TO BE DEPOSITED TO THE NORMAN ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Norman Animal Welfare Center often receives donations for unspecified uses. City code requires City Council's acceptance of any donation over \$250 before use or disbursement. These donations are then deposited within a dedicated account until approved for disbursement for use. The City of Norman, Norman Animal Welfare Center, has been named beneficiary of the estate of Sandra "Sandy" Dianne McPherson.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Sandra "Sandy" Dianne McPherson died on December 11, 2023, in Norman, Oklahoma, at the age of 69. Sandy started her career at the National Severe Storms Lab in 1977 and retired from the Radar Operations Center. She loved music, especially rock and roll. She never missed a Norman Musical Festival and enjoyed listening to new artists, especially the Rhythm Chickens. Sandy played the piano, found joy in caring for her flower garden, feeding the birds, her neighbor's dogs, turtles and even opossums.

Sandy had a special bond with her fluffy white cat, Snow, who was her best friend. He brought companionship and joy to her life and was totally spoiled by Sandy. Her parents, Leon and Bernice McPherson, her sister, Susan McPherson, her former husband and friend, Larry Mudd and her long-time partner, Neil Kingsley, preceded her in death.

The City of Norman, Norman Animal Welfare Center, has received \$36,125.49, as a beneficiary of Sandy's estate.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Based upon the above, it is recommended the City Council accept the \$36,125.49 donation and authorize the Finance Director to deposit the funds into the Other-Animal Welfare (Account 10-22431) for use by Norman Animal Welfare Center without restrictions.