



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

Board of Parks Commissioners

MEETING DATE: 8-1-2024

REQUESTER: James Briggs, Parks Development Manager

PRESENTER: James Briggs, Parks Development Manager

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF LAND OR FEE IN LIEU OF PARKLAND FOR THE BOB MOORE FARMS NORTH ADDITION

BACKGROUND: Bob Moore Farms North Addition PUD is located in Section 35 of Township 9 North, Range 3 West of the Indian Meridian. It is located on the east side of 36th Avenue SW, just south of Main Street, south of Sam's Club and the other commercial developments, including the west side Pioneer Library (See Map). This large development is a mix of Multi-Family housing and commercial properties. There are 642 total units of RM-6-type development in the PUD, requiring either 2.84 acres of public parkland or 5.68 acres of private parkland. The other land uses indicated on the PUD do not require any parkland dedication.

DISCUSSION: This development will yield \$48,150 in Neighborhood Park Development Fees and the same amount in Community Park Development fees once all building permits have been issued if public parkland or fee-in-lieu of land is provided. The Neighborhood Fees will not be collected if private parkland. The developer has requested a Fee-in-Lieu of land decision for this project; however, the preliminary site plan shows enough recreational space and proposed development to meet the requirements of Private Park Land. This solution will work for the plat being submitted at this point in time. However, if there is a change in land use, a new preliminary plat will be developed and brought back to the Park Commission, which may merit a different decision at that time.

The proposed Addition is directly north of the Willowbend Addition of residential housing, which has a large parcel of undeveloped HOA-owned private parkland available for the homes built there over the years. Besides that, there is no other housing between Main Street and the Lindsey Street south extension that wraps around the bridge crossing of Interstate-35 to 36th Avenue SW. The nearest neighborhood park is Cherry Creek Park, on the west side of 36th; it was recently updated via the NORMAN FORWARD Neighborhood Park Improvements project. Any fees collected from the Bob Moore Farms North PUD would likely be spent to make additional improvements to Cherry Creek Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Park Board recommend a Fee-In-Lieu of Land Decision for the Bob Moore Farms North Addition PUD.
