



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/09/2025

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 THE NORMAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

BACKGROUND:

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 began with 200 recreational players and has since grown to include 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 member of the ECNL Regional League. The club complex is at 1001 East Robinson St. in Norman, Oklahoma with 22 full-size fields, 16 of which are equipped with lights, and 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. NYSA strives to uphold the club's mission, vision, and core values, aiming to positively impact children and create the best possible experiences.

DISCUSSION:

The City has Contract K-2324-71 with NYSA to provide a soccer program for Norman youth and the general public at Griffin Community Park soccer field, to include giving practice and playing fields, soccer facilities and equipment, holding and arranging leagues, matches and competitions, and supervised instruction and training for beginners of the sport of soccer. NYSA gave its annual presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners on October 2, 2025. Their presentation included information about their events, programming, and 2023-2024 financials.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Norman Youth Soccer Association's (NYSA) FY24 annual report.