



CITY OF NORMAN, OK GREENBELT COMMISSION

Development Center, Conference Room B, 225 N. Webster Avenue,
Norman, OK 73069

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

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A. Call to Order

Chair George Dotson called this meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Andrew Hewlett
Commissioner - Chair George Dotson
Commissioner Marguerite Larson
Commissioner - Vice Chair Mark Nanny
Commissioner Rachel Wyatt-Swanson

ABSENT

Commissioner Kristina Wyckoff
Commissioner Richard Bornhauser
Commissioner Zach Dufran

STAFF PRESENT

Zach Abell, Planner I
Amanda Stevens, Development Center Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT

LeeAnna McNally, 1413 N. Crawford Ave, Norman, OK
Libby Smith, Rieger Law Group, PLLC
Richard McKown, 4409 Cannon Dr. Norman, OK
Sean Rieger, Rieger Law Group, PLLC

C. Approval of the July 18, 2023 Greenbelt Commission Minutes

1. July 18, 2023 Greenbelt Commission Minutes

Motion by Mark Nanny for approval of the July 18, 2023 Greenbelt Commission Minutes;
Second by Marguerite Larson.

The motion was passed unanimously, with no objection.

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CONSENT DOCKET

INFORMATION: These items are placed on the agenda so that the Greenbelt Commission, by unanimous consent, may designate those items that they wish to approve by one motion. Any of these items may be removed from the Consent Docket and be heard in its regular order. Staff recommends that GBC 23-19, GBC 23-20, GBC 23-21, and GBC 23-22 be placed on the consent docket with a finding of No Greenbelt Opportunity.

3. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, OR OTHER ACTION REGARDING A FINDING OF “NO GREENBELT OPPORTUNITY” FOR GBC 23-20, G2SOK.
5. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, OR OTHER ACTION REGARDING A FINDING OF “NO GREENBELT OPPORTUNITY” FOR GBC 23-22, SOONER TRADITIONS.

Motion by Rachel Wyatt-Swanson to approve items GBC 23-20 and GBC 23-22 on the Consent Docket and GBC 23-19 and GBC 23-21 on the Non-Consent Docket; **Second** by Andrew Hewlett.

The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

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NON CONSENT

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, OR OTHER ACTION REGARDING A FINDING OF “NO GREENBELT OPPORTUNITY” FOR GBC 23-19, FRANKLIN WOODS.

Commission Discussion:

- Commissioner Nanny asked how citizens would get from 36th and Franklin to Ruby Grant Park.
- Commissioner Wyatt-Swanson stated that per Council Member Peacock, the plan is to put a raised crosswalk over 36th.
- Richard McKown stated that the sidewalk won't be finished until 36th is widened.
- Commissioner Larson asked about the flood plain and what is going to happen once this is developed.
- Richard McKown explained wanting to preserve the wildlife that is there, and that once 36th is widened, the big drainage structure will be big enough for deer and other wildlife to travel underneath it.
- Richard McKown also explained that there will be other detention ponds.

- The commission discussed that there needs to be a safe way for children in Carrington and this proposed development, Franklin Woods, to get to the park until the expansion of 36th is completed. They felt that the best solution for this would be a trail sidewalk system.
- Richard McKown said that he felt confident that he could get his investors to agree to this, if the Norman Parks and Recreation Department agreed as well. They wanted to include a note to the Parks Department stating that if they extend a trail sidewalk system 8 foot wide minimum, going into the east side of 36th, to the North side of the intersection at Franklin Road, that the park will meet them with the other part of it. This will also include opening up the cable border fence to make a proper pedestrian connection.
- Richard McKown also stated that if the Parks Department extends its portion of the sidewalk out to the intersection, the Carrington development will also place a smaller, temporary sidewalk, connecting the existing sidewalk on the south side of Franklin Road, roughly 600 feet west of 36th Ave.

Motion by Rachel Wyatt-Swanson to approve GBC 23-19, with the addition of the note for the Parks & Recreation Department; **Second** by Mark Nanny.

The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

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4. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, OR OTHER ACTION REGARDING A FINDING OF “NO GREENBELT OPPORTUNITY” FOR GBC 23-21, HOLIDAY HEIGHTS.

Commission Discussion:

- Commissioner Larson asked what kind of property was going to be here.
- LeeAnna McNally responded that the property will be utilized for laundry and record keeping. Therefore, the property owners aren’t developing the property in any way, other than extending the parking lot.

Motion by Rachel Wyatt-Swanson to approve GBC 23-21; **Second** by Mark Nanny.

The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

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MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

- Commissioner Larson asked about the status of Article 21.
- Amanda Stevens explained that Article 21 is currently still in Legal.
- Commissioner Wyatt-Swanson proposed drafting a letter or an e-mail to City Attorney Kathryn Walker.
- Commissioner Hewlett asked if anyone knew what the concept of GBC 23-22 was going to be.
- Zach Abell said that he heard it was going to be similar to The Mont.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2023.

George Dotson, Chair