

MINUTES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the City Planning Commission meeting held April 28, 2022, in the City Council Auditorium, City Hall, 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The agenda for the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman David Denham.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Denham
 John Jones
 Ron Jarvis
 Deborah Jones
 Darren Medders*
 Michael Logan
 Neil Springborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Davison
 Shelli Fox

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Cleghorn, City Manager
 Richard Rogalski, Deputy City Manager
 Kameron Good, Planner
 Paul Martin, Planning Administrator
 Greg Gibson, Assistant City Attorney
 Christine James, Parks and Recreation Director
 Denise Ezell, Recording Secretary

*enter at 1:34 p.m.

2. Verify posting of meeting.

Meeting was posted on April 22, 2022, at 11:40 a.m. and the addendum was posted on April 26, 2022 at 10:05 a.m..

3. Establish Quorum.

Denham stated we need to show Davison excused and I have been notified that Medders is on his way. We have seven (7) members present.

New Business

4. Consider approving the proposed USS Oklahoma City Anchor Memorial to be located in Elmer Thomas Park, and making a recommendation to the City Council.

Recommended Action: Approve the proposed USS Oklahoma City Anchor Memorial to be located in Elmer Thomas Park, and make a recommendation to City Council.

James stated Mathew Aguilar has been working with our office on his Eagle Scout Project. He is getting an anchor for the USS Oklahoma City submarine. It is currently located in Puget Sound, Washington. He has made presentations to LETA and other organization asking for donation. He has gone to Puget Sound to make a presentation to the military and was allowed to tour the submarine. This has been a cool experience for the young man. The military has tentatively approved the gift of the anchor to the City of Lawton contingent upon final approval of the location. The memorial policy has been approved and his proposal follows the policy. The location will be on the southeast side of Elmer Thomas Park around Lake Helen. There is an existing American Wars Memorial here and the sidewalk will extend too here. The sidewalk will be in compliance with the ADA. Aguilar will be extending the sidewalk. The site will have a circular pad and the anchor will sit in the middle. These are two (2) granite monuments that will give details about the USS Oklahoma and its crew members. These are benches on the other side. This is a rendering of the memorial. The concept has been approved and we are in final stages of approving the location.

Denham asked what is the next step if we approve this.

James stated City Council. We attempted to take this to the Park and Recreation Commission, but they did not have a quorum. We will schedule a meeting with them next week so we will have their recommendation prior to going to Council.

Denham stated thank you Christine. Does anyone have any questions?

Springborn asked is this going to be an actual anchor.

James stated it is. Right now, it is in pretty rough shape. He will receive the anchor and twenty (20) feet of chain. The chain is the really large chain. Total weight is about seventy-five hundred (7,500) pounds. There is a local company that will be sandblasting and powder coating the anchor so it should stay nice for a long time. It will be propped up with the chain off to the side.

Springborn stated I think that is a great idea.

Motion by Jarvis, Second by Logan, to approve the proposed USS Oklahoma City Anchor Memorial to be located in Elmer Thomas Park and make a recommendation to the City Council. **Aye:** Denham, Jones J., Jarvis, Jones D, Logan, Springborn, Medders. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

5. Consider approving the request for a Special Subdivision Certificate to transfer a strip of land located in the NE/4 of Section 27, T2N, R12W from Fred and Ellen May Heinz Family, LLC & Alden Family Trust to AMERCO Real Estate Company.

Recommended Action: Approve the request for a Special Subdivision Certificate submitted by AMERCO Real Estate Company, to transfer a strip of land located in the NE/4 of Section 27, T2N, R12W from Fred and Ellen May Heinz Family, LLC & Alden Family Trust.

Martin stated you may remember we did a rezoning on this property a while back. U-Haul will be moving into the old K-Mart location located at 38th and Cache Road. They are separating the K-Mart parcel from the S & B Burger parcel. We do have access to all utilities. This is similar to the bank subdivision across the road. We have done the research and there is a special subdivision available for these properties. The Heinz family is selling the property to Amerco.

Denham asked are there any questions.

Springborn asked is this the same item that appeared before us once before.

Denham stated yes.

Martin stated I'm not sure how Amerco is interconnected with U-Haul, but it is my understanding they own those properties.

Denham stated they also own the one on 11th and Cache Road.

Motion by Jarvis, **Second** by Logan, to approve the request for a Special Subdivision Certificate to transfer a strip of land located in the NE/4 of Section 27, T2N, R12W from Fred and Ellen May Heinz Family, LLC & Alden Family Trust to AMERCO Real Estate Company. **Aye:** Denham, Jones John, Jarvis, Jones Deborah, Medders, Logan, Springborn. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

ADDENDUM

New Business

1. Consider approving the proposed Gold Star Families Memorial to be located in Elmer Thomas Park, and making a recommendation to the City Council.

Recommended Action: Approve the proposed Gold Star Families Memorial to be located in Elmer Thomas Park, and make a recommendation to City Council.

James stated this is another memorial. It has been to Council for the acceptance of the idea. Council directed staff to work with the foundation on a permanent location. We are here today to get the location approved. This would be next to the anchor you just approve. The anchor is the green dot, and the Gold Star Memorial would be the red dot. Here is a rendering of the memorial and in your packets are the specifications. This does meet the newly adopted policy. We are super excited about this memorial as well. They will extend the sidewalk from the anchor to their memorial, and it will have a circular pad like the anchor.

Denham asked is it the plan to continue these memorials along the shore.

James stated it is. We are calling this Memorial Trail. Several years ago, the Veterans Commission approved this trail around Lake Helen. It has been dead for a while. We found some information and made some contacts with others to start this again. The city has a couple of grant applications to extend the sidewalk around the lake. These two (2) chose to extend the sidewalk

themselves so they could start their memorials. Until the city has the funds to extend the sidewalk, we will continue to ask applicants to do so.

Jones D asked has the Park Commission considered moving the Bentley Memorial, the howitzer, from the park plaza to this location.

James stated at this time any of the existing memorial we don't recommend moving. If that is the wish of the community, we will look onto it. At this time, we are leaving the offsite memorial as they are unless we have a reason to move them.

Denham stated again we are making a recommendation to Council. Is there a motion.

Motion by Jones John, **Second** by Medders, to approve the proposed Gold Star Families Memorial to be located in Elmer Thomas Park and make a recommendation to the City Council. **Aye:** Denham, Jones John, Jarvis, Jones Deborah, Medders, Logan, Springborn. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passes.**

6. Commissioner's Reports or Comments.

None

7. Secretary's Report.

Smith stated we took some recommendations to LURA last week and were able to get past the first hurdle of revising our Urban Renewal Plan, URP. Once proper notice is given, we will be bringing those revision to you. They are minor changes, and we are happy to have jumped the first hurdle.

8. Comments from the Public.

Denham stated thanks to everyone for attending. We have a great crowd.

9. Adjournment.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Motion by Jarvis, **Second** by Medders, to adjourn. **Aye:** Denham, Jones John, Jarvis, Jones Deborah, Medders, Logan Springborn. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**