

JOINT PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2011

The City Council Transportation Committee and the Planning and Community Development Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 6:30 p.m. at Dreamer Concepts, 324 East Main Street, on the 24th day of March, 2011, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted in the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Dillingham, Griffith, Mayor Rosenthal

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Dave Boeck, Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Oklahoma
Ms. Susan Connors, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Syndi Runyon, Administrative Technician IV

TOUR AND EXHIBIT AT DREAMER CONCEPTS STUDIO LOCATED AT 324 EAST MAIN STREET ENTITLED, "DESIGNS FOR MATURITY." THIS IS AN EXHIBIT THAT EXAMINES POINTS OF VIEW SHARED BY INDIVIDUALS AS THEY MATURE IN THE NORMAN COMMUNITY.

The Mayor and Councilmembers viewed an exhibit entitled, "Designs for Maturity," regarding the need for environments that offer diverse forms of mobility for the elderly and handicapped. The exhibit captures what it means to age with grace, spirit, and courage from the perspective of people from different walks of life. Good environments offer citizens diverse forms of mobility, reducing the distinction between able and disabled, and equipping people with ways of reading their environments so they can make informed choices about fulfilling their needs. The key concept in evaluating environmental design work includes the need for adapting environments to the current needs of people in anticipation of emerging needs relative to future quality of life and sustainability. The project assumption is that a person's sense of quality of environment influences their perceived quality of life linking environmental design to positive aging. Positive aging encompasses functioning and satisfaction, both components that link it closely to environmental design. The environment figures into health and promotion of health in fundamental ways with good design characterized by its supportive, competence enhancing, compensatory and empowering features. After the tour, the Mayor and Councilmembers were asked to complete two surveys.

Items submitted for the record

1. Brochure entitled, "Dreamer 32: Designs for Maturity, Possibilities and Realities for Positive Aging in Norman and Beyond," by IRED, Interdisciplinary Research in Environmental Design
2. Dreamer 32: Designs for Maturity, Possibilities and Realities for Positive Aging in Norman and Beyond Evaluation survey
3. IRED, Interdisciplinary Research in Environmental Design, survey

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor