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WASHINGTON SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
MAY 6, 2025

723 S. Lewis Street, Room 2073
Stillwater, OK 74074
11:30 AM

Karen Washington, Laura Arata, James Beckstrom, Norman McNickle, Gary Clark, Thomas Fields, Ann Houston, Calvin Miller, Jessie Sims, Kay Stewart, Clyde Wilson

- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. General Orders

The Washington School Advisory Committee will hear a staff presentation, discuss, and take action including a vote or series of votes on each item listed as presented or as amended or revised by the Washington School Advisory Committee unless the agenda entry specifically states that no action will be taken. The requested action is indicated in each agenda entry but may be amended or revised prior to action by the Washington School Advisory Committee.

a.	Approval of April 1, 2025 minutes.
b.	Update from the Washington School Heritage Foundation. No action will be taken on this item.
c.	Discussion and possible action for next steps in the redevelopment process of Washington School.
d.	Discussion and possible action to make a request to City Council to consider payment for part of the roof costs.

- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Adjourn

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Washington School Advisory Committee Minutes

April 1, 2025

723 S. Lewis Street, Room 2073

Stillwater, OK 74074

11:30 A.M.

Members present: Laura Arata, James Beckstrom, Gary Clark, Thomas Fields, Ann Houston, Norman McNickle, Kay Stewart, Karen Washington, Clyde Wilson

Not present: Calvin Miller, Jessie Sims

Others Present: Assistant City Attorney Ashlyn Garis, Deputy City Manager Christy Driskel, Michelle Charles, Billy Fultz

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

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- a. Approve Minutes from March 4, 2025

Motion to correct the minutes to show member Calvin Miller as absent made by Steward, seconded by Clark.

Arata, Beckstrom, Clark, Fields, Houston, McNickle, Stewart, Washington, Wilson – Aye. Approved 9-0.

Motion to accept with correction made by Clark, seconded by McNickle.

Arata, Beckstrom, Clark, Fields, Houston, McNickle, Stewart, Washington, Wilson – Aye. Approved 9-0.

- b. Update from Washington School Heritage Foundation. No action taken.

Beckstrom provided a general update on Washington School Heritage Foundation activities. The April 4 fundraising gala is approaching, and the Foundation is optimistic about raising funds to replace the roof that was peeled off by recent high winds. An outdoor clean-up day will be held on Sunday, April 6 to coincide with OSU Into the Streets volunteer event. City staff are working on the access agreement still needed for the work day. City to provide dumpsters etc. Driskel said there could be possible good news regarding funding that would enable a more aggressive work plan for the new year.

- c. Discussion and possible direction to make a request to City Council to consider payment for asbestos removal from Washington School.

An emergency situation exists due to the recent roof damage estimated at \$120,000 for repair/replacement. The redwood ceiling in the gym is salvageable if a new roof is applied soon. The Foundation is optimistic about fundraising for the needed roof repair/replacement, but asbestos removal is needed before interior work associated with the roof work can be done. The \$25,000 estimate for asbestos removal was received about a year ago.

**Motion by Beckstrom, seconded by Wilson to make a request to City Council to consider payment for asbestos removal from Washington School
Arata, Beckstrom, Clark, Fields, Houston, McNickle, Stewart, Washington, Wilson - Aye. Approved 9-0.**

- d. General discussion of next steps in the redevelopment process of Washington School. No action taken.

Driskel informed the group that an access agreement for the clean-up day is in the works. She will attend the April 6 work day and bring City liability waivers. She hopes to be able to share good news at the next meeting. Budget conversations with the Council are expected soon. Even if the asbestos were removed today, the timeframe for roof replacement is about 2-3 months, per Beckstrom. The masonry structure and concrete floor should withstand exposure to the elements but there is concern about exposure of the redwood ceiling. The size of the roof and wind make using tarps for temporary coverage difficult. Someone from the Committee will deliver a report to the City Council at the April 7, 2025 meeting.

3. Public Comment

No requests to speak.

4. Adjourn

Motion by Beckstrom, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn.

**Arata, Beckstrom, Clark, Fields, Houston, McNickle, Stewart, Washington,
Wilson – Aye. Approved 9-0.**

The Washington School Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:52 a.m.