



**The City of Oklahoma City  
Planning Commission  
STAFF REPORT  
May 27, 2021**

**(C-7303) Final Plat of Nichols Creek Phase 3, being a part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 13 North, Range 5 West of the Indian Meridian, located west of N. County Line Road and south of NW 122<sup>nd</sup> Street. Ward 8.**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. Contacts**

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**B. Case History**

This is a new application. The Preliminary Plat for Nichols Creek was approved on April 12, 2018.

**C. Reason for Request**

The developer proposes single-family residential development on this site.

**D. Existing Conditions**

**1. Size of Site:** 20.25 acres

**2. Zoning and Land Use**

	<b>Subject Site</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
<b>Zoning</b>	R-1	R-1	R-1	R-1	PUD-1796 (R-1)
<b>Land Use</b>	Vacant	Vacant	Residences, Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

**II. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION**

The developer is proposing 83 single-family residential lots and two common areas on 20.25 acres, yielding a gross residential density of 4.09 dwelling units per acre. Public streets, water, and sewer improvements are proposed. The site is currently zoned R-1 single-family residential, which allows for a 6,000 square foot minimum lot size and minimum lot widths of 50 feet. Lots in this subdivision range in size from approximately 8,200 square feet to 13,000 square feet.

Access to the subdivision will be taken through two local street connections with Nichols Creek Phase 1. These lead to one median-divided connection with NW 122<sup>nd</sup> Street and one median-divided connection with N. County Line Road.

One street stub is provided to the south and one street stub is provided to the north for connection to future phases of the development. A street stub is also provided to the west for connection with future phases of the Robertson's Landing development. All streets will be constructed to urban local street standards.

A note on the plat indicates that sidewalks will be required along local streets adjacent to the homes. Sidewalks are also required along all common areas and along the arterial streets. The notes further state that maintenance of all common areas, landscaping along street rights-of-way (including islands and medians) are the responsibility of the property owner's association, and that trees are required to be planted in the front yards of lots where the garage extends beyond the front wall of a residence, toward the street.

### **III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

This application was submitted to the following agencies, departments, and/or divisions for review and comment. An asterisk indicates that the agency, department, and/or division responded with no adverse comments.

#### **1) Outside Agencies**

- 1. Oklahoma City-County Health Department**
- 2. Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority (OCURA)**
- 3. Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OGE)**
- 4. Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB)**
- 5. Piedmont School District**
- 6. Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT)**

#### **2) City Departments**

- 1. Airports**
- 2. Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA)**
- 3. Fire \***
- 4. Information Technology/Geographic Support**

**5. Parks and Recreation**

Parks has no record of this development being part of a private local park agreement.

**6. Police**

**7. Public Works**

a) Engineering **PD-**

1) Streets

- a) All City streets and drives on City right-of-way serving this subdivision must be paved in accordance with City standards.
- b) The subject property is served by a public street.

2) Storm Sewer

- a) The Public Works Drainage Division staff has reviewed the subject application. All development, new construction, and/or substantial improvements planned within the proposed area shall be subject to chapter 16 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code.
- b) Storm sewers in accordance with the City's Drainage Ordinance will be required. Development abutting section line roads with drainage flows that exceed the capacity of OKC standard ditch detail (D-100) will necessitate the installation of enclosed storm sewer and/or concrete channel. The improvements shall be placed to provide a minimum of 35 feet clearance distance from the centerline of the section. Concrete channels must be entirely outside public right-of-way. Sidewalks shall be constructed in compliance with the Oklahoma City Ordinance and meet all applicable ADA regulations.
- c) A flood and / or drainage study will be required for improvements to establish finished floor elevations, common lot areas or private drainage easements. A final plat should not be submitted until the study has been reviewed and approved by the Public Works Department.
- d) Plans for drainage improvements within the private drainage reserves and/or common areas must be submitted for review, and payment of inspection fees shall be made prior to construction. Building permits will not be issued until construction is complete.

If a subdivision abuts a stream, the private drainage easements and/or common areas along the stream shall extend to the flow line of the stream at a minimum.

- e) Place the following note on the plat and construction plans: Maintenance of the common areas and/or private drainage easements shall be the responsibility of the property owner's association. No structures, storage of material, grading, fill, or other obstructions, including fences, either temporary or permanent shall be placed within the drainage-related common areas and/or drainage easements shown.
- f) Construction within the limits of this plat will require an erosion control plan in accordance with EPA Storm Water Discharge permitting: CFR Vol. 57, No. 175, September 9, 1992. A copy of the EPA Notice of Intent (NOI) will be required prior to the issuance of work orders or permits for construction activities disturbing an area of ½ acre or greater.
- g) Drainage easements shall be clearly denoted as public or private in the owner's dedication, on the plat, and / or in the plat notes.
- h) Sidewalks shall be installed for all new construction and/or at the time of conversion of a residential use to a more intense use on all lots having frontage on public streets classified as major or minor arterial.
- i) All private roads / streets will have private storm sewer systems.
- j) Engineers / Developers will be contacting PW for a detention determination before they submit their Final Plat and Plans.
- k) Detention Determination
  - A detention requirement determination will not be issued at the Preliminary Plat stage unless the development is located within the current "detention required area".
  - Prior to the preparation of a Final Plat and Construction Plans, the Engineer or Developer may contact the Public Works Engineering Department and receive a Detention Determination for that individual Final Plat
    - This Detention Determination will be specific to the single Final Plat under consideration

- The Detention Determination will be valid for a period of six (6) months
- If the Final Plat and Construction Plans have not been submitted, reviewed, and approved by the Public Works Engineering Department within that 6-month time frame, the Detention Determination will be void and a new Detention Determination must be requested.
- If construction has not started on the development within six (6) months of the approval of the construction plans, the Detention Determination will be void and a new Detention Determination must be requested.

For new commercial developments that do not require hearings before the PC or CC, the Engineer or Developer may contact the Public Works Engineering Department and receive a Detention Determination for that commercial development.

- b) Streets, Traffic and Drainage Maintenance
- c) Stormwater Quality Management
- d) Traffic Management \*

## **8. Utilities**

- a) Sanitary Sewer Availability: **SD-2021-00033**
- b) An existing 8-inch sanitary sewer main is adjacent to the subject site and a connection will be permitted in accordance with City Standard Specifications.
- c) All sanitary sewer mains must flow within the existing drainage basin. Proposed sewer mains that will flow to another drainage basin across a ridgeline will not be allowed.
- d) All sanitary sewer mains must have a minimum cover of 6 feet and a depth no greater than 18 feet.
- e) The developer will be required to extend a gravity sanitary sewer collection system to each lot or site within the subdivision or land improvement in accordance with City Standard Specifications and the current Subdivision Regulations.

- f) No trees, signs, dumpsters, or fences within 10 feet of any existing or proposed sanitary sewer main.
- g) All existing unnecessary sanitary sewer services must be abandoned at the sanitary sewer main.
- h) Public sanitary sewer must be extended to serve the development.
- i) Side lot easements adjacent to other lots must combine to equal a total of 20-feet.

j) Solid Waste Management

The City can provide residential service provided there is sufficient space for the truck to maneuver to service the addition.

k) Water Availability: **WA-2021-00026**

- a) The subject site is adjacent to a 12-inch water main in the street right-of-way of Nichols Creek Boulevard.
- b) The developer will be required to extend a minimum twelve-inch water distribution, or larger, as recommended by the approved 2006 Water Master Plan, along the section line street, border, or perimeter of the development and/or all interior water mains for domestic use and fire flow protection.
- c) The developer will provide an internal (on-site) water distribution system capable of supplying water to each lot or tract within the proposed subdivision or land development in accordance with City Standard Specifications and the current Subdivision Regulations.
- d) Dead-end water mains must be avoided. Connection to at least two active feeder or grid water mains will be necessary to prevent partial or total shut-off of water supply when a pipeline failure occurs within the proposed development.
- e) In accordance with ODEQ regulations, the City provides water at a minimum pressure of 25 psi. The owner is responsible for designing and construction of all fixtures to provide adequate domestic and fire protection under minimum pressure conditions. The owner will be responsible for any failure of domestic and fire protection systems which require water pressure in excess of 25 psi.
- f) No trees, signs, dumpsters, or fences within 10 feet of any existing or proposed water main.

- g) All existing and proposed meters must meet current Meter Specifications. Meters must be in a grassed area. All domestic and fire suppression services must have separate water service connections. All existing unnecessary water services must be abandoned at the water main.
- h) Public water main must be extended to serve this property.
- i) Direct services cannot connect to the 24-inch public main.

#### **9. Development Services**

The design of this final plat conforms with the Subdivision Regulations as they relate to subdivisions with between 31 and 100 lots. The design of the overall Nichols Creek Development also conforms to the Subdivision Regulations as they relate to subdivisions with more than 200 lots. The final plat also conforms to the requirements of the R-1 zoning district and the approved preliminary plat.

The size of the plat, 20.25 acres, requires 0.65 acres of open space with 0.25 acres (10,790 square feet) devoted to recreational improvements (Section 5.12.2). The developer is providing approximately 1.35 acres of open space/common area with this development. A letter from the developer indicated that they plan to construct playground equipment and park benches in the common area within Phase 1 that can be utilized by the residents of all sections of the Nichols Creek Subdivision. Based on the amount of open space provided and the amenities planned, the development meets the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations related to open space and recreational amenity requirements.

Sidewalks are required in front of each home / unit along the interior streets of the development. These sidewalks are required to be installed at the building permit stage. Sidewalks are also required along the section line roads and the common areas.

Separate instruments will be required to be submitted with this final plat for proposed easements lying outside the boundaries of the plat. The instruments will be processed to City Council at the same time as the final plat and will be recorded by the City Clerk. The final plat will not be released until after the easements are recorded.

#### **IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

*Staff recommendations are advisory only and do not constitute Planning Commission decisions. Staff recommendations are based on a technical evaluation of information submitted at the time of review. Planning Commission decisions require a vote of five members to approve or deny an item.*

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*The Planning Commission may consider in its decision-making process any additional relevant information presented at the public hearing by the public, applicant, and/or City departments.*

**Approve the application subject to the following technical evaluations:**

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*All Engineering Division and Water/Wastewater Utilities Division requirements must be met. Additional changes to the plat may be required during either Divisions review of construction plans and prior to City Council acceptance.*

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