

**Tribal Relations Committee**  
CITY HALL, 175 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET

One Technology Center, 10th Floor, Chat Room North

10:00 am

MINUTES

November 8, 2022

1. *Call to Order*: Councilor McKee called the meeting to order at 10:20 am.

**Present:**

a. **Tulsa City Council:**

- i. Councilor Jeannie Cue (District 2)
- ii. Councilor Crista Patrick (District 3)
- iii. Councilor Kara Joy McKee (District 4)
- iv. Councilor Mykey Arthrell-Knezek (District 5)
- v. Councilor Lori Decter Wright (District 7)
- vi. Sarah Davis (City Council Staff)
- vii. Megan Boyd (City Council Staff)
- viii. Brandon Worley (City Council Staff)
- ix. Chris Baughman (City Council Staff)

b. **Tribal Representatives:**

- i. Joe Hicks (Muscogee Nation Council)
- ii. William Lowe (Muscogee Nation Council)
- iii. Kathleen Elliot (Muskogee Nation)
- iv. Cheryl Cohenour (GAIAC)

- v. Daniel Carter (GAIAC)
- vi. Joe Deere (Cherokee Nation Council)
- vii. Mike Shambaugh (Cherokee Nation Council)

2. Review and approve the last meeting's minutes.

Minutes were reviewed by the committee. The motion to approve the minutes was moved by Councilor Decter Wright and seconded by Joe Deere. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Discussion with the City Councilors regarding their visit to the Muskogee Nation.

Councilor Cue would like to make this a regular event. Council members discussed their pleasure with the visit and their interest in scheduling another meeting with the Muskogee Nations. Councilor Fowler talked about this meeting to continue communication and partnership. Kathleen Elliot discussed how this visit has created momentum with the Municipal League to schedule a tribal symposium. Speaker Lowe discussed how he was pleased with the turnout of the meeting and was happy with the progress made. Councilor Decter-Wright discussed how this meeting produced a tour of the Muskogee Nations Council Oak healthcare center. She also expressed that the next visit should maybe be a full day so that they can have more conversations on specific policies.

4. Discussion and review of the Tribal Relations Committee schedule for 2023.

Councilor McKee discussed that there might be some Jewish holiday overlap but should not be an issue. Possibly extend the meeting time to 1 hour and 30 minutes.

5. Discussion of possible committee goals for 2023.

Committee discussed that there should maybe be a possible special meeting to discuss specific topics. Special meeting topics: Housing, Healthcare, Signage, Mapping, and Mental Health. Work on getting a large map from INCOG that lays out tribal nation boundaries within Tulsa County. Councilor Patrick discussed a dream of

having a Cyrus Avery Trading Post between the tribal nations and Route 66. Referencing that this was the original meeting place for the nations.

6. Discussion of updating the committee member list and possible renaming of the committee.

Councilors discussed if there should be members included from the county or state representatives. Councilor McKee said at this time they should not be included but invited as guests. Everyone agreed on the name change.

7. Upcoming Tribal Relations Committee agenda items.

Councilor Patrick wanted to make sure that we resend the survey regarding services and tribal resources for citizens.

8. Adjournment.

Councilor McKee adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am with consensus.