

Tribal Relations Committee

CITY HALL, 175 E. 2nd STREET

One Technology Center, 10th Floor, Chat Room North

10:00 am

MINUTES

July 18th, 2023

1. *Call to Order*: Councilor Vanessa Hall Harper called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Present:

a. Tulsa City Council and City of Tulsa:

- i. Councilor Vanessa Hall Harper (District 1)
- ii. Councilor Lori Decter Wright (District 7)
- iii. Councilor Jeannie Cue (District 2)
- iv. Councilor Crista Patrick (District 3)
- v. Councilor Christian Bengel (District 6)
- vi. Brandon Worley (City Council Staff)
- vii. Chris Baughman (City Council Staff)
- viii. Marissa Gomez (City Council Staff)
- ix. Krystal Reyes (Mayor's Office)
- x. Susan Miller (Tulsa Planning Office)
- xi. Daniel Jeffries (Tulsa Planning Office)

b. Tribal Representatives:

- i. Hunter Erwin (Muscogee Nation)
- ii. Sandra Golden (Muscogee Nation Council)
- iii. Kim Teehee (Cherokee Nation)
- iv. Adam McCreary (Cherokee Nation)

2. Review and vote on the minutes from the Tribal Nations Relations Committee meeting held on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023.
 - a. Minutes were reviewed by the committee. The motion to approve was moved by City Councilor Decter Wright and seconded by Councilor Crista Patrick. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Presentation from the City of Tulsa planning department on City of Tulsa beautification signs.
 - a. Susan Miller and Daniel Jefferies with the Tulsa Planning Office presented the City of Tulsa's beautification sign program. They discussed the process and proposed gateway signs. They presented the four types of monuments that they have designed. They provided the locations of the proposed signs. Brandon Worley presented a map that was created by the City of Tulsa GIS department of all proposed possible locations for tribal placemaking signs.

4. Discussion on Tribal placemaking sign location map and next steps.
 - a. Delegate Kim Teehee wanted to know if the Cherokee Nation GIS department was used in the creation of the City of Tulsa GIS map. Brandon Worley confirmed that they did provide a link to the Cherokee Nation Map. Councilor Decter Wright wanted to know what the tribal nations would want to see in a tribal placemaking sign. Delegate Teehee thought that the current designs looked good and would like to have some members of their team help with tribal signs. Daniel Jefferies said that the current gateway signs are proposals and not currently finalized. Councilor Decter Wright would like to talk with each of the tribes about landscaping around the signs. Companion signs were discussed and agreed upon as the best option. They would like to have companion signs that also highlight historical areas within Tulsa. They requested that we send our designs to each of the tribes to evaluate and create a possible companion sign. Daniel Jefferies will help with any questions that the tribes have. Councilor Patrick discussed the desire to do something at the admiral square to signify the importance of the area for Route 66 and the tribes.
5. Discussion of Tribal housing programs and City of Tulsa housing strategies.
 - a. This item was tabled to the next meeting.
6. Update from Tribal Representatives on upcoming Tribal activities.
 - a. Cherokee Nation has completed elections, and the Inauguration is on August 14th. Muscogee Nation is currently in the filling phase of their election. Their primary is in September and the general is in November.
7. Upcoming Tribal Nations Relations Committee agenda items.
 - a. Discussion of Housing policy with City of Tulsa and Tribal Representative.
8. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 p.m.