

Tribal Relations Committee

CITY HALL, 175 E. 2nd STREET

One Technology Center, 10th Floor, Chat Room North

10:00 am

MINUTES

March 12th, 2024

1. Call to Order: Councilor Vanessa Hall-Harper called the meeting to order at 10:04 am

Present:

a. **Tulsa City Council and City of Tulsa:**

- i. Councilor Vanessa Hall-Harper (District 1)
- ii. Councilor Jeannie Cue (District 2)
- ii. Councilor Crista Patrick District 3)
- iii. Councilor Christian Bengel (District 6)
- vi. Brandon Worley (City Council Staff)
- vii. Chris Baughman (City Council Staff)

b. **Tribal Representatives:**

- ii. Representative Sandra Golden (Muscogee Nation)
- vi. Gene Perry (Cherokee Nation)
- vii. Cheryl Cohenour (GTAIAC)
- viii. Stacy Bates (Osage Nation)

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2. Review and vote on the minutes from the Tribal Nations Relations Committee meeting.
 - I. Minutes were reviewed but not approved due to quorum issues.
3. Introduction of new members and discussion of possible agenda items for 2024.

- I. The committee introduced Stacy Bates as the new member of the committee and the representative of the Osage Nation. Main items for 2024 were to evaluate the possibility of visiting each of the tribal councils.
4. Discussion with local Route 66 Representatives about the 2026 Route 66 Centennial and partnership opportunities.
 - I. Rhys Martin and Ken Busby came and presented on what the City of Tulsa and the State of Oklahoma are working on to prepare for the 2026 Route 66 Centennial. Rhys touched on the new tribal information stations about Route 66 in Oklahoma. Rhys's organization is working on creating a tribal landing page that provides resources and information for travelers about Oklahoma's tribal history. Ken Busby talked about what is being done at the state level to prepare for 2026. He also gave an update on the City of Tulsa Route 66 Commission's work to prepare for the coming centennial. Councilor Patrick talked about the need to make sure that our tribal partners are included in the preparations for the coming celebration. Commissioners talked about landmarks that could be highlighted along the route.
5. Update from Tribal Representatives on upcoming tribal activities.
 - I. Representative Golden talked about upcoming events in the Muscogee Nation. Gene Perry talked about the Cherokee Nations applications for the EBT summer program.
6. Adjournment
 - I. Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.