



## **“What Do You Think” Housing Authority? May 3, 2007**

*On May 3, [Pat Treadway](#) and [Martha Schultz](#) met with the Housing Authority of the City of Tulsa. The purpose of the Housing Authority is to help eliminate the shortage of safe housing for persons with low income. Their mission is to be a leading Public Housing Agency that enhances the quality of life in Tulsa through the efforts of a professional, caring and responsive staff and Board.*

*Here's what they had to say.*

### **What does Tulsa most need to achieve?**

1. Develop a more diverse economic base
  - a. Needs to be more diverse than today
2. More adequate method for city finance; current method is too unstable.  
This is needed to:
  - a. Finance projects
  - b. Hire staff
3. Need to explore city/county government consolidation
4. Affordable housing
  - a. Develop a plan
  - b. Build/provide affordable housing
5. Balanced growth, as set forth in previous plans
  - a. Housing, commercial and services in all parts of the City
6. Public Schools
  - a. We need world class public schools
7. Elimination of substandard housing
8. Revitalization of downtown
9. Embrace population diversity

10. River development
11. Greater formation of good jobs
  - a. Higher paying jobs
12. Sustain green projects
13. Improve all infrastructure
  - a. Delivery of services
  - b. Crime Prevention/Security
  - c. Other services – streets, parks, etc.
14. Higher education opportunities
  - a. Expand higher education in Tulsa area
15. Regular/Reliable public transit
16. Retain best/brightest young people
  - a. Create high caliber jobs
17. Need a strong elected leadership
18. Need an Area Plan, immediately
  - a. Suburban
  - b. Metro area

### **What are Tulsa's most valuable or important assets?**

19. Early childhood education
  - a. Continue as leader
20. Quality of Life
  - a. People want to be here
  - b. Attractive
  - c. Skilled workers
  - d. Knowledge workers

### **What are Tulsa's most critical issues, problems, or concerns?**

21. Social/Cultural
  - a. Racial divide in community
  - b. No cultural connectivity
  - c. Inability or lack to will to celebrate our history
    - i. Limited ways to broaden this