



1921 Race Massacre Graves Investigation

Public Oversight Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Purpose: The Public Oversight Committee was established to ensure transparency and community engagement throughout the 1921 Graves investigation. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the City during key decisions throughout the investigation. The Oversight Committee is comprised of descendants of the Tulsa Race Massacre and leaders in Tulsa's African-American community.

Reminders: *At the January meeting Public Oversight Committee meeting, we discussed:*

- A plan for re-interment must be approved by the Oklahoma State Department of Health prior to exhuming any remains.
- Re-interment must take place where it is legal to bury human remains.
- If a proposed location is not already a cemetery, the private property owner must meet all legal and regulatory requirements for human burials prior to being included in the re-interment plan.
- To proceed with the proposed work at Oaklawn this summer, the City must submit the re-interment plan to the Oklahoma State Department of Health no later than March.

Questions for the Public Oversight Committee:

1. If analysis suggests remains are 1921 Race Massacre victims, what is the ideal final resting place for those individuals?
2. If the final resting place cannot be identified and made eligible for burials by the end of March, is Oaklawn an acceptable interim resting place?
3. Is there any other business the Public Oversight Committee would like to discuss?